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PREFACE

Prepared and produced by the State Center for Health Statistics (SCHS), this report is a basic analysis of North Carolina's marriage formations and dissolutions. It is intended as a supplement to other SCHS publications, most notably, the annual vital statistics reports which provide population, natality and mortality data.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years voluminous writings have been published on the subject of "family formation and dissolution" with heated debate over whether certain elements of our culture have negative effects on the American family. That 1980 was proclaimed the "Year of the Family" illustrates the fact that many view the family as a pervasive indicator of the stability of our society. Thus, changes in rates of family formation (marriage) and dissolution (death or divorce) are often assumed to connote a proliferation of change in areas basic to our way of life. The analysis of data from marriage, death, and divorce certificates facilitates our understanding of these changes by allowing statistical and graphical representation of the demographic characteristics of those involved.

This report is a presentation of statistical data relating to the formation and dissolution of North Carolina families in 1980 as well as trend analyses for 1970-1980. The sources of data were marriage certificates and monthly listings of divorces as shown in Appendix A. Attempts have also been made to provide comparable data at the national level. Tables and figures throughout the text highlight our findings, while pertinent detail is provided in the tables of Appendix B.

These statistics are reflective of marriages which occurred in the State, whether to residents or nonresidents, and do not include North Carolina residents marrying in other states. This is due to the fact that there is no exchange of nonresident data between North Carolina and other

states. While divorce data are also collected by place of occurrence at least one partner must reside in North Carolina in order for the divorce to be filed in this state.

Crude rates per 1,000 total population are utilized to make comparisons and describe trends. While these measures include ineligible population and are otherwise subject to error*, they perhaps remain useful indicators for trend analyses. The user should also be aware that percentages shown in this report are computed with unknowns included in the denominator. Median ages are calculated as a theoretical mid-point among the individual cases examined and are carried out to one decimal point in order to increase accuracy.

* Due to substantial undercounts in the 1970 census the population bases used to compute rates over time were obtained by applying a "smoothing" procedure based on 1980 census counts. This procedure should result in a more accurate reflection of state and county population figures for the 1970's. Further explanation is provided in the technical notes section of Appendix A.

II. MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE REGISTRATION

Marriage Certification

Central registration of marriages performed in North Carolina was begun on January 1, 1962, as mandated by General Statute 130-49. County registers of deeds are provided forms by the Department of Human Resources, copies of which must be sent to Raleigh by the 15th day of the month following marriage. The original marriage certificate is filed by county registers of deeds.

Couples who plan to marry in North Carolina must first obtain a license to do so from the register of deeds of the county in which the ceremony is to occur. To qualify they must be unmarried persons eighteen years or older. Sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds may be certified as eligible only with written consent from a parent or guardian, while persons under sixteen may marry only in the event of a pregnancy. All applications for marriage licenses must be accompanied by a report of physical examination signed by a licensed physician. This report, executed within thirty days from the date of presentation, must show that the applicant has no evidence of venereal disease or tuberculosis in the infectious or communicable stage and that the applicant is mentally competent.

Prior to June of 1981, the physician's statement included a report from an approved laboratory showing serologic test results confirming the absence of syphilis. A change in General Statute 51-9 eliminated the necessity of this accompanying laboratory report. Thus, whether serologic tests are performed is discretionary to the extent that the examining physician must certify that ". . . by the usual methods of examination made by a regularly licensed physician, no evidence of any venereal disease was found."

Legislation enacted in 1977 also required the physician to certify that a female marriage applicant had had an immunity test for rubella, but this requirement was rescinded in 1979. General Statute 51-9, as it now stands, is printed on the back of the certificate of medical examination for marriage license applicant, a copy of which is provided in Appendix A.

The signatures of witnesses are obtained at the time of the marriage ceremony. The officiant enters the date and place of marriage and his signature. He returns the certificate to the register of deeds of the county which issued the license. See Appendix A for a copy of the application, license and certificate of marriage.

Divorce and Annulment Registration

The North Carolina General Assembly enacted legislation (G. S. 130-48) in 1957 such that clerks of court must file reports of divorces and annulments with the Department of Human Resources. This law became effective January 1, 1958. Divorce is used to mean absolute divorces and annulments of marriage. Each clerk of court is responsible for preparing a monthly listing of divorces on Form VS-70 (Appendix A) and submitting this report to the Department of Human Resources by the 15th of each month for decrees granted the previous month. Information necessary to complete this report is furnished the clerk of court by either the divorced parties or their legal representative.

Very limited information is obtained on the monthly report of divorces. These statistics include type of court, the names of the parties, residence of each, the type and date of decree, the grounds for divorce, race of plaintiff and the number of minor children.

There are six legal grounds for divorce in North Carolina. These are: adultery, impotency, pregnancy of wife prior to marriage without knowledge of

husband who was not the father of the child, one-year separation, crime against nature, and insanity. Annulments are granted primarily on the basis of bigamy, or if one of the parties is under the legal marrying age.

Special grounds

Annulment proceedings are commenced by filing a petition in the district court of the county where the respondent resides. The petition must state the grounds for annulment and the names of the parties. The court may require the petitioner to file a certificate of service of process on the respondent. The court may also require the petitioner to file a certificate of service of process on the respondent. The court may also require the petitioner to file a certificate of service of process on the respondent.

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III. MARRIAGES

General Trends

Detailed statewide marriage data were first available in North Carolina in 1962. At that time, a rate of 7.3 marriages per 1,000 population began an increasing trend which lasted throughout the decade, culminating in a rate of 9.8 in 1969. Following this peak, the marriage rate for the state began a downward spiral towards a low of 7.6 witnessed in 1975 and repeated in 1976 and 1978 before again realizing an increase to 7.9 in 1980.

The downturn in North Carolina's marriage rate in the early 70's was in contrast to the national rate which rose 3.8 percent between 1970 and 1972 as compared to the state's decrease of 3.2 percent. However, North Carolina's decline may have been predictive of trends nationwide as the United States rate began to drop in 1973. The 9.1 percent decrease in the U. S. marriage rate between 1972 and 1976 marked the first such decline since prior to 1958.

Both North Carolina and United States rates increased slightly in 1977, marking the end of downward trends for the Nation. North Carolina's rates, however, also declined in 1978 before again rising. Despite this, marriage data for the state document an overall decrease of 3.3 percent in the number of nuptials performed from 1970 to 1980. Nationwide, there was an increase of 11.8 percent for the same time period.

North Carolina's marriage rate continues to run well below that for the U. S., a fact which may stem from our physical examination requirements. South Carolina, for example, has no such prerequisite to obtaining marriage

certificates and had a 1980 rate of 18.2 per 1,000 population. Further discussion of the influence of the certification process on marriage rates can be found in the section on residency and geographic distribution.

Figure III-1 is a graphical comparison of national and state marriage rates per 1,000 population, detailing trends and illustrating the degree to which North Carolina rates have been exceeded by those for the nation as a whole.

MARRIAGE RATES:
NORTH CAROLINA & UNITED STATES
1970 TO 1980

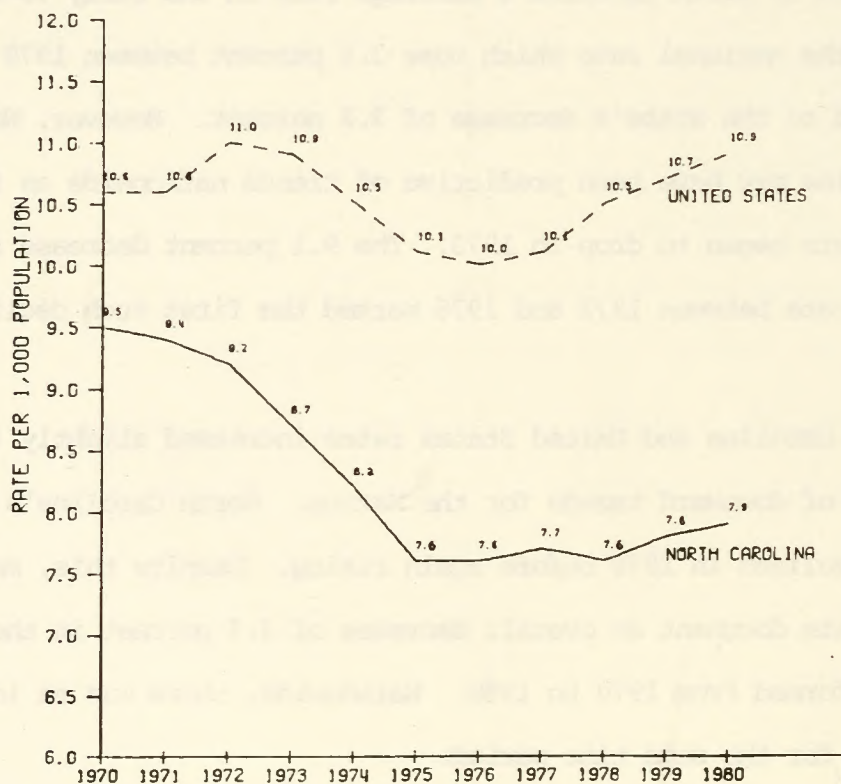


FIGURE III-1

Age at Marriage

The median age at marriage in North Carolina has been increasing gradually since the mid-1960's. In 1980, the overall median ages were 23.1 and 25.1 for brides and grooms respectively, up from 20.4 and 22.3 in 1970. While much of this increase would appear to result from the larger number of remarriages, brides and grooms marrying for the first time in 1980 each did so one-and-one-half years later than their respective 1970 counterparts. Conversely, persons remarrying in 1980 did so at younger ages than in 1970. This is especially true for brides and grooms with two or more previous marriages who married 6.5 and 7.1 years younger respectively. Table III-a shows the median age at marriage according to marriage order for 1970 and 1980.

TABLE III-a

Median Age* by Marriage Order: North Carolina, 1970 and 1980

	Bride		Groom	
	1970	1980	1970	1980
1st marriage	19.7	21.2	21.5	23.0
2nd marriage	30.9	30.2	35.2	33.1
3rd or higher	42.2	35.7	46.7	39.6
Overall	20.4	23.1	22.3	25.1

* Computed from single years-of-age data which are not included in this report.

Education

North Carolina marriage certificates contained information on education beginning in 1968. Since then, educational attainment at the time of marriage has increased for both members of marrying couples, a factor which is at least partially reflective of similar increases in the education of the general population. Between 1970 and 1980, when total marriages decreased by 3.3 percent, the number of brides and grooms who chose to marry before completing high school decreased by 26.3 and 23.0 percent respectively. While there was also a decrease (6.5 percent) in the number of brides marrying with only a high school degree, this category continued to be the largest, representing 39.4 percent of all brides and 39.6 percent of all grooms.

Conversely, the higher educational levels each showed substantial gains among North Carolina's marrying couples in 1980. The most dramatic increase was among brides who had college degrees plus some level of post-graduate study. Their number soared 200 percent during the decade to claim 4% of the total in 1980. Similarly, grooms with post-graduate education gained in excess of 120 percent during this period. This surge in the numbers of marriages involving highly educated individuals was pronounced for both remarrying individuals and those marrying for the first time.

Among brides entering their first marriage in 1980, 42.3 percent had some level of college education; this compares to 30.5 percent in 1970. Remarrying brides with some college represented 31.2 percent of the 1980 totals, while their 1970 percentage was 15.9. For grooms entering their first marriage, 32.6 percent had some college in 1970, while this category accounted for 38.8 percent of the 1980 total. Comparable figures for remarrying males in 1970 and 1980 indicate that they represented 22.3 and 36.9 percent respectively (see Table 4 in Appendix B for more detail on 1970 and 1980 education levels).

A comparison of educational levels of brides and grooms for this period indicates that brides have made greater gains in educational attainment than have grooms. For all marriage orders, there were 34.9 percent more marrying women with some college attendance in 1980 than in 1970, while their male counterparts gained just over 20 percent during the same time period. As a result, 1980 marked the first year in which brides represented some level of college attendance more often than did grooms, at 38.7 and 38.2 percent respectively. This is significant in that it connotes the culmination of a long-term, gap-closing trend in the area of sex differences in educational status among marrying individuals. Figure III-2 provides a graphical accounting of the percent change in educational attainment for brides and grooms from 1970 to 1980. Table 5 in Appendix B shows additional detail on educational attainment.

Marrying individuals in 1970 and 1980 tended to choose partners with educational levels similar to their own. The most frequent deviations from this pattern occurred among those with post-graduate educations, who married persons with lower levels of education a majority of the time. Grooms in this category married similarly educated wives about 28 percent of the time in 1980, and 23 percent in 1970. Brides with post-graduate educations married similarly educated men almost 43 percent of the time in 1980 and almost 48 percent in 1970. This decrease may be a result of the larger proportionate increase in the number of marrying women in this category.

High school graduates of both sexes who married individuals outside of this educational level tended to marry more highly educated spouses in 1980 whereas their 1970 counterparts more often married persons with less education than themselves. Again, these trends are consistent with an increasingly educated general populace.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF N.C. BRIDES AND GROOMS: PERCENT CHANGE FROM 1970 TO 1980

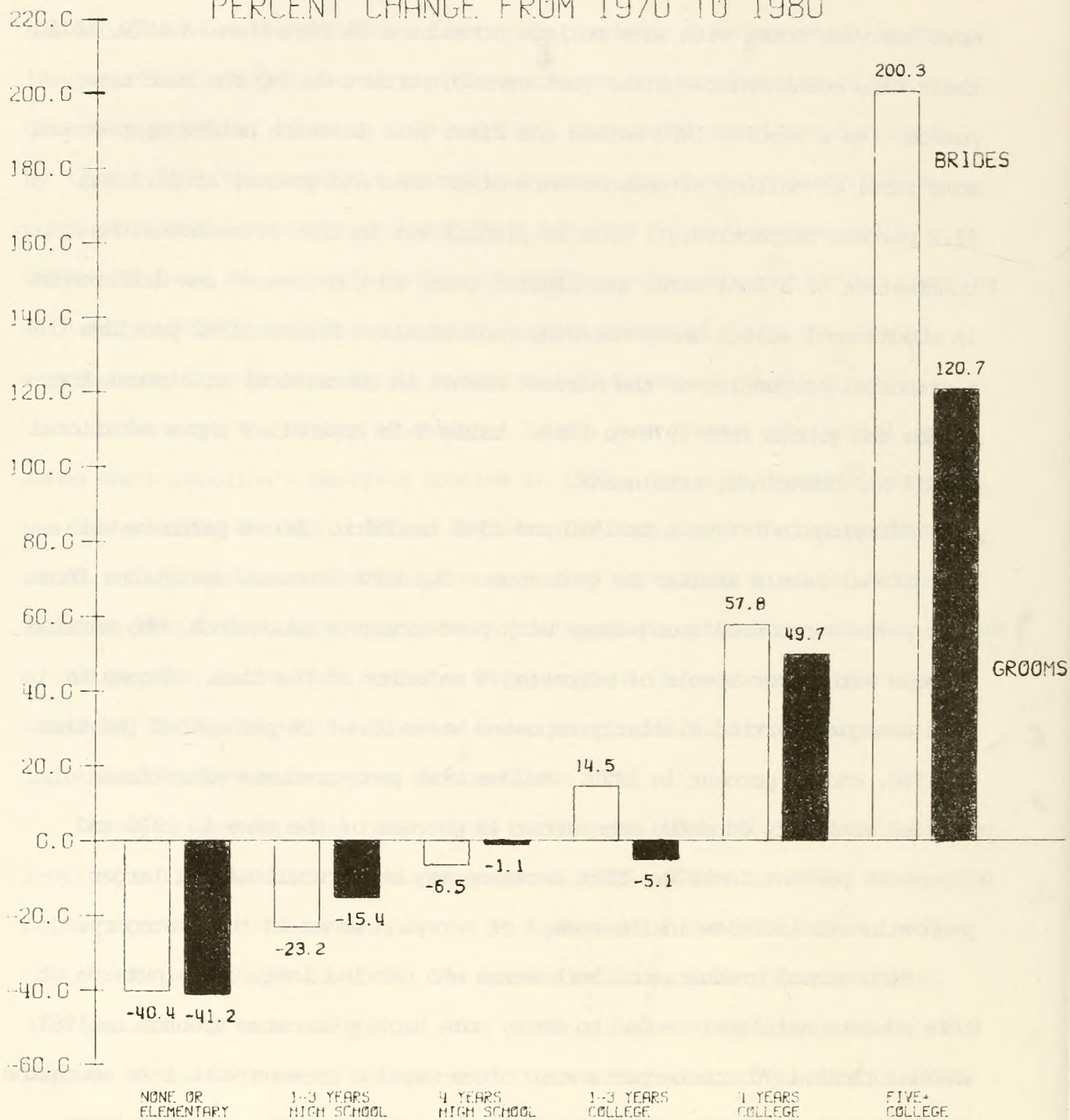


FIGURE III-2

Previous Marital Status

The years 1970 through 1980 witnessed a substantial increase in the number of divorces, thus freeing more people for remarriage. Consequently, while 75 percent of North Carolina's 1970 marriage licenses were issued to couples in which both partners had not been married previously, the comparable 1980 percentage was 57, a 26 percent decrease.

Table III-b shows the number and percent of brides and grooms in the various marital status categories for 1970 and 1980, along with the percent changes in numbers between 1970 and 1980. As shown in the table, the only categories to realize an increase in numbers for the period were those in which at least one partner was divorced. Despite this, single people (both brides and grooms) still tended to marry other single people, and divorced persons more frequently than those who were widowed. Widowed brides and grooms both married other widowed persons most often and divorced persons more often than single (never married) persons. Also, divorced persons of both sexes tended to marry other divorced persons more frequently than single persons, widows and widowers. Age undoubtedly plays a role in these choices.

TABLE III-b
PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE AND GROOM: NORTH CAROLINA
1970 and 1980

PREVIOUS STATUS		1970*		1980*		1970-1980
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	PERCENT CHANGE IN NUMBER
TOTAL		48,291	100.0	46,718	100.0	- 3.3
Bride	Groom					
Single	Single	36,359	75.3	26,741	57.2	- 26.5
Single	Divorced	2,681	5.6	4,898	10.5	+ 82.7
Single	Widowed	296	.6	195	.4	- 34.1
Divorced	Single	2,813	5.8	4,553	9.7	+ 61.9
Divorced	Divorced	3,379	7.0	7,757	16.6	+129.6
Divorced	Widowed	489	1.0	611	1.3	+ 24.9
Widowed	Single	476	1.0	297	.6	- 37.6
Widowed	Divorced	791	1.6	810	1.7	+ 2.4
Widowed	Widowed	1,005	2.1	852	1.8	- 15.2

* There were 2 and 4 missing cases in 1970 and 1980 respectively.

In terms of divorced individuals who remarry, most do so within 3 years of their previous divorce. Data on the number of years since previous marriage ended were first included on marriage certificates in 1975. During that year, 48.4 percent of brides and 56.3 percent of grooms remarried within 1 year while their 1980 counterparts did so only 42.9 and 46.5 percent respectively. Thus, while divorced men tend to remarry sooner than women indications are that both sexes are waiting longer to remarry than they did in 1975. Further, as might be expected, younger men and women tended to wait a shorter length of time before remarriage than did older individuals. This is especially pronounced for remarrying women, as 80.6 percent of those under 19 did so within a year of a previous divorce while only 27.9 percent of women over 40 remarried within a year. For males, comparable percentages are 83.9 and 42.8 respectively. Table III-c shows the length of time before remarriage for divorced males and females according to age for 1975 and 1980.

TABLE III - C

PERCENT OF MARRIAGES BY NUMBER OF YEARS SINCE PREVIOUS
DIVORCE BY AGE AT REMARRIAGE: NORTH CAROLINA
BRIDES AND GROOMS, 1975 AND 1980

1980					GROOMS			
Age	BRIDES				Less Than 1 Year	1 > 3 Years	3 > 5 Years	5 + Years
	Less Than 1 Year	1 > 3 Years	3 > 5 Years	5 + Years				
10 - 19	80.6	16.4	3.0	0.0	83.9	16.1	0.0	0.0
20 - 24	60.5	28.6	8.7	2.2	63.6	25.9	8.4	2.1
25 - 29	43.1	29.5	15.7	11.6	47.2	29.2	13.4	10.3
30 - 34	37.3	27.3	15.7	19.6	44.5	26.4	14.7	14.3
35 - 39	37.7	24.7	12.8	24.7	43.8	23.6	12.6	20.0
40 +	27.9	21.1	15.2	35.7	42.8	20.5	12.4	24.4
Percent of Total	42.9	26.7	13.7	16.6	46.5	25.1	12.8	15.6

1975								
Age	BRIDES				Less Than 1 Year	1 > 3 Years	3 > 5 Years	5 + Years
	Less Than 1 Year	1 > 3 Years	3 > 5 Years	5 + Years				
10 - 19	76.1	19.3	4.5	0.0	83.9	16.1	0.0	0.0
20 - 24	65.9	26.4	5.8	1.9	68.8	24.3	5.8	1.1
25 - 29	53.6	27.1	12.7	6.5	58.9	25.9	10.6	4.6
30 - 34	47.9	26.9	12.2	13.0	52.7	25.1	12.3	9.9
35 - 39	42.1	24.9	13.6	19.4	49.9	23.7	10.7	15.6
40 +	31.9	22.1	15.2	30.7	49.9	19.1	8.6	22.4
Percent of Total	48.4	25.4	12.1	14.2	56.3	23.7	9.7	10.3

Monthly Variations

While June continued to be the most active month for North Carolina marriages in 1980, accounting for 13.7 percent of the total, there may have been some realignment in the state's "wedding season." Prior to 1980 December was consistently one of the top five months for marrying in North Carolina. In 1980, December ranked eighth among the twelve months, joining January through March and October as one of the least popular months in which to marry. Further in 1980, April through August became the block of months within which marriages occur most often in North Carolina. Nationwide, May through September had the highest number of marriages in 1980, with June representing the most popular month. Figure III-3 shows North Carolina marriages by month for 1970 and 1980, and Table 1 in Appendix B provides the actual number of marriages per month for each year from 1970 through 1980.

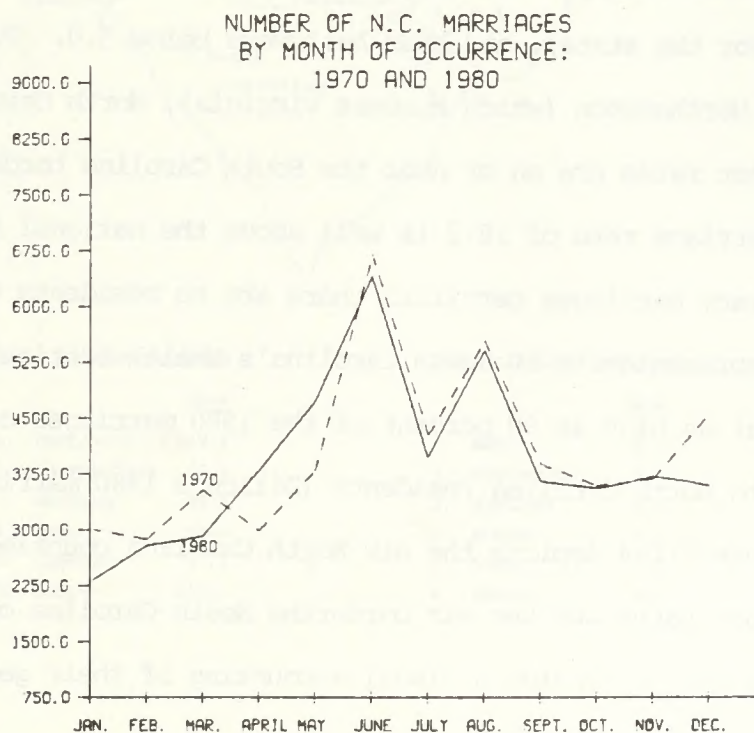


FIGURE III-3

Residency and Geographic Distribution

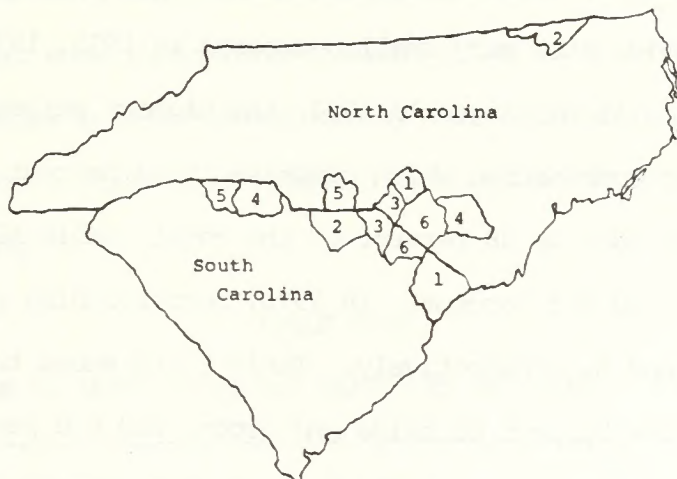
Continuing trends witnessed in previous years the majority of marriages certified in North Carolina in 1980 involved residents of the state. In 1980, almost 85 percent of the marriage licenses issued were to couples in which both were residents. This represents a 25 percent increase over 1970 and involved gradual increases throughout the decade (see Table 8 in Appendix B for marriages according to residency status).

As noted in Section II of this report, there is no formal exchange of information on residency status among the various states, making it difficult to ascertain how many North Carolina residents are married in other states. However, the geographic distribution of marriage rates statewide provides evidence suggesting that many North Carolina residents living in counties at or near the South Carolina border travel to that state to wed. Of these 15 bordering counties, 80 percent had rates at or below 5.5 per 1,000 population (versus 7.9 for the state), and over half were below 5.0. Further, with the exception of Northampton (which borders Virginia), North Carolina counties with the lowest rates are on or near the South Carolina border. Since South Carolina's marriage rate of 18.2 is well above the national rate, it would appear that many marriages certified there are to residents of other states. In fact, a representative of South Carolina's Health Statistics office estimated that as high as 90 percent of the 1980 marriages certified in Dillon County were to North Carolina residents (Dillon's 1980 marriage rate was 219.1). Figure III-4 depicts the six North Carolina counties having the lowest marriage rates and the six bordering South Carolina counties having the highest rates to provide a visual accounting of their geographic proximity.

This comparison between marriage rates for North and South Carolina lends credence to the postulation that North Carolina's relatively rigorous requirements for marriage certification do influence marriage rates. Since these requirements no longer include laboratory confirmation of the absence of certain diseases among applicants, it will be interesting to contrast marriage rates in the future with those experienced prior to this change in regulations. The data utilized in this report will serve as a baseline for such comparison.

Geographic Comparison of
Marriage Rates for Selected North and
South Carolina Counties: 1980

Figure III-4



South Carolina Counties

	<u>Rate</u>
1. Horry	18.2
2. Chesterfield	33.9
3. Marlboro	38.6
4. York	46.0
5. Cherokee	57.3
6. Dillon	219.1

North Carolina Counties

	<u>Rate</u>
1. Hoke	3.9
2. Northampton	3.9
3. Scotland	3.8
4. Bladen	3.6
5. Anson	3.2
6. Robeson	3.0

Interracial Marriage

In 1980 North Carolina certified 644 marriages which were considered interracial for statistical purposes. This count included marriages between Black-White, White-Other, and Black-Other races. Marriages between different races grouped in the "Other" category were not distinguished and thus were excluded from this count. This category included all races and national origins except White and Black, e.g. Puerto Rican, Japanese, Chinese, American Indians, Fillipinos, Hawaiians, etc.

While the number of interracial marriages performed in the state in 1980 was well over twice the number certified in 1970, these unions still only represent about 1.4 percent of the total. This increase has transpired gradually since 1970, with very small decreases in 1975, 1978, and 1980.

Among interracial marriages in 1980, the highest percentage occurred in the White-Other combination which comprised 53.4 percent of the total. Black-White unions made up 38 percent of the total, while Black-Other marriages represented 8.5 percent. In 1970, corresponding percentages were 65.8, 27.6, and 6.6 respectively. Table III-d shows the number and percent of marriages by race of bride and groom, and the percent change since 1970. (See Table 9 in Appendix B for a breakdown of the number of marriages by race of bride and groom for each year during the period 1970 through 1980.)

TABLE III-d
MARRIAGES BY RACE OF BRIDE AND GROOM, WITH PERCENTAGES:
NORTH CAROLINA, 1970 and 1980

Bride	Groom	1970		1980		1970-1980 Percent change in numbers
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
White	White	40,045	82.92	38,543	82.50	- 3.75
	Black	37	.08	177	.38	+378.38
	Other	69	.14	146	.31	+111.59
Black	White	30	.06	68	.15	+126.67
	Black	7,864	16.28	7,362	15.76	- 6.38
	Other	5	.01	12	.03	+140.00
Other	White	91	.19	198	.42	+117.58
	Black	11	.02	43	.09	+290.91
	Other	139	.29	169	.36	+ 21.58
Total interracial		243	.50	644	1.38	+165.02

IV. DISSOLUTIONS

General Trends

Prior to 1976, deaths accounted for a larger proportion of dissolved North Carolina marriages than did divorces*. Since that time, declining death rates and the escalating incidence of divorce have combined to reverse this pattern. In 1980, 54.1 percent of all North Carolina marriage terminations were due to divorce, as compared to only 37.8 percent in 1970. Table IV-a shows the number and percentages of marriage dissolutions in North Carolina for 1970 and 1980 according to cause. It should be noted at this point that some inconsistency might arise in the comparison of these two indicators because deaths are by residence while divorces are by occurrence. However, these discrepancies are considered to be of relatively little consequence.

TABLE IV-a

DISSOLUTIONS OF NORTH CAROLINA MARRIAGES BY CAUSE: 1970 and 1980

Year	Divorces	Deaths [†]	Total	Percent Due to Divorce
1970	13,702	22,522	36,224	37.8
1980	28,050	23,804	51,854	54.1
Percent Change	+104.7	+5.7	+43.1	+43.1
[†] Figures for dissolutions due to death may be high in that they represent married individuals who died and do not account for the possibility that both partners could have expired in the same year.				

*The term divorce as used in this section also includes annulments.

The number of divorce decrees granted in the state in 1980 was more than double the number in 1970. While North Carolina's rate of divorce (4.8 per 1,000 population) remains below that of the nation (5.3), the state's rate increased 78 percent compared to the nation's 51 percent during the decade. Figure IV-1 shows divorce rates for North Carolina and the U. S. from 1970 to 1980.

DIVORCE RATES:
NORTH CAROLINA & UNITED STATES
1970 TO 1980

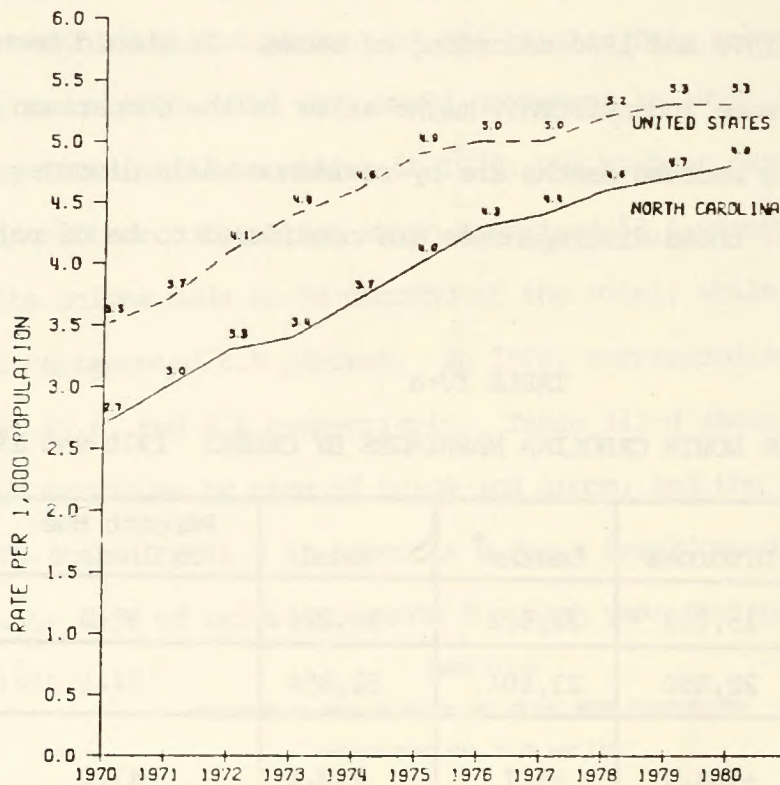


FIGURE IV-1

Comparing marriages and divorces, North Carolina had 60 divorces for every 100 marriages in 1980, an increase of 114 percent since 1970. The corresponding figure for the United States was 49 divorces per 100

marriages in 1980, representing an increase of 48 percent. Table IV-b, shown below, gives a detailed listing of divorces per 100 marriages from 1970 to 1980 for both the state and the nation.

TABLE IV-b

DIVORCES PER 100 MARRIAGES: NORTH CAROLINA AND UNITED STATES,
1970-1980

Year	North Carolina	United States
1970	28	33
1971	31	35
1972	35	37
1973	39	40
1974	45	44
1975	52	48
1976	57	50
1977	58	50
1978	61	50
1979	61	50
1980	60	49

Of the 28,050 divorces and annulments granted in North Carolina in 1980, the wife was granted the decree in just over 55 percent of the cases. See Table 11 in Appendix B for North Carolina divorces by party to whom the decree was granted from 1976 through 1980.

By far, the most prevalent grounds for divorce in North Carolina has been one-year separation, which accounted for at least 99 percent of all decrees granted in each year from 1970 through 1980. With the exception of 1974, the next most often stated grounds has been adultery followed (and surpassed in 1974) by bigamy as the third most frequent cause.

Table 12 in Appendix B shows divorces by cause for the years 1970 through 1980.

Children of Divorce

In view of the swelling incidence of divorce in our society, a major concern has been its impact on the children involved. North Carolina's 1980 divorces involved in excess of 25,000 minor children, an increase of 58 percent since 1970. This numerical rise is somewhat deceptive, however, as the number of children per divorce decreased from 1.2 in 1970 to 0.9 in 1980. This is due primarily to the fact that the percentage of divorces involving minor children decreased from 58.6 in 1970 to 53.4 in 1980. Further, among such dissolutions, the number of children in each was fewer in 1980 than 1970.

Figure IV-2 depicts the percentage of North Carolina divorces by the number of minor children involved in 1970 and 1980. Reduced percentages were evident in cases with three, four, and five or more children. This is consistent with nationwide trends toward smaller families, postponement of child-bearing, and many couples deciding to remain childless.

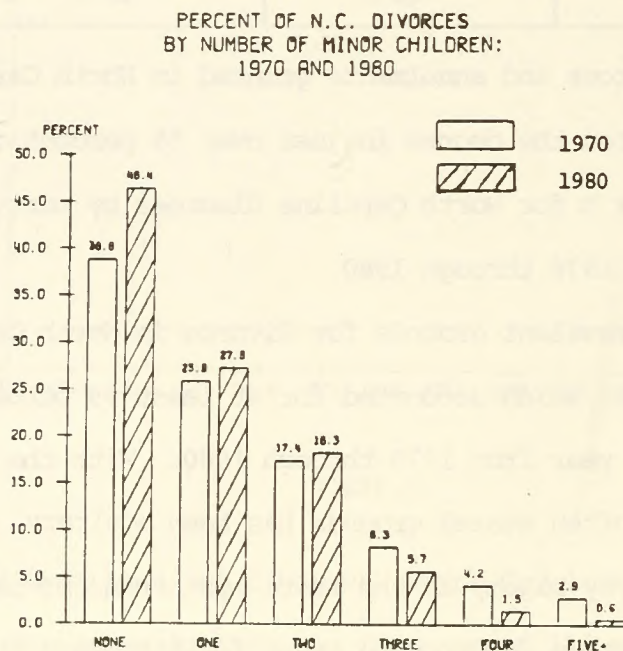


FIGURE IV-2

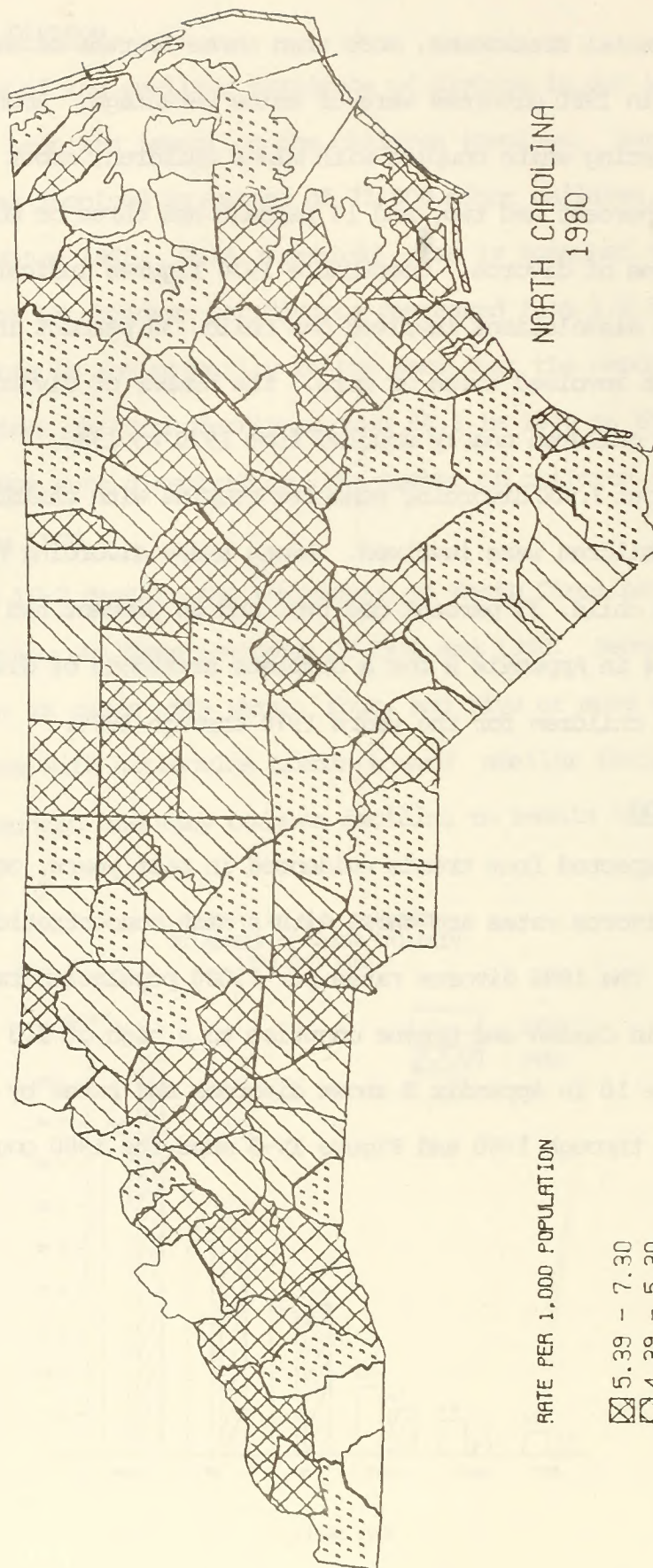
In terms of racial breakdowns, more than three-fourths of all minor children involved in 1980 divorces were of white parentage. Among the nearly 12,000 divorcing white couples with minor children, about 52 percent had one child, 34 percent had two, and 13 percent had three or more children at the time of divorce. Comparable 1970 figures indicate that 45 percent of such dissolutions involved one child, 30 percent involved two, and 24 percent involved three or more. The number of divorces among white couples with children nearly doubled from 1970 to 1980.

There were about 2,800 divorcing nonwhite couples with children in 1980; about 5,200 children were involved. Among these divorcing nonwhites, 46 percent had one child, 33 percent had two, and 20 percent had three or more. See Table 14 in Appendix B for a complete breakdown of divorces by race and number of children for the years 1970 through 1980.

Geographic Variation

As would be expected from trends evidenced in past years, counties with the highest divorce rates are those with a high concentration of urban population. The 1980 divorce rates per 1,000 population ranged from a low of 1.7 in Camden and Greene counties to a high of 7.3 in Mecklenburg. Table 10 in Appendix B shows divorces and rates by county for the years 1970 through 1980 and Figure IV-3 maps the 1980 county rates.

DIVORCE RATES



RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION

- 5.39 - 7.30
- 4.39 - 5.30
- 3.39 - 4.30
- 2.60 - 3.30
- 0.0 - 2.50

FIGURE IV-3

V. SUMMARY

North Carolina certified 46,718 marriages in 1980, a 3.3 percent decrease since 1970. In contrast, the number of marriages nationwide increased 11.8 percent during the same time period.

Not only did persons marrying in the state decrease numerically, but their characteristics shifted in several apparently related respects. Among these shifts were increases in the number and percentage of remarrying individuals and the median age at marriage. While these two factors seem logically associated, not all of the rise in the median age at marriage can be explained by the surge in the number of remarriages. In fact, while the median age at first marriage increased for both brides and grooms, non-first marriages occurred at younger ages in 1980 than in 1970.

A factor which appears more closely related to the increase in median age at marriage is the rise witnessed in educational attainment. There were substantial gains in the number of marrying individuals with some college attendance, especially among those who were marrying for the first time. Women's educational gains were more pronounced than those of men, closing the gap between the sexes and illuminating overall national trends towards increasing numbers of women seeking careers and the education necessary to secure them.

North Carolina granted over twice as many divorces in 1980 than in 1970. While the state's divorce rate remains below the nation's, indications are that North Carolina's rate has risen more rapidly than that for the United States.

Perhaps the most critical element associated with this surge in divorce is the number of minor children involved. More than 25,000 minor children were involved in North Carolina divorces in 1980, an increase well in excess of 50 percent since 1970. Despite this, the number of children per divorce declined during the period.

The decrease in the percentage of divorces involving children (as well as the number of children per divorce) lends credence to postulations that many couples are choosing to remain childless or are waiting to begin their families since indications are that couples are more susceptible to divorce in the first few years of marriage. Further, evidence indicates that women with higher levels of education tend to have lower fertility rates, which is consistent with trends reported here. Still, the number of North Carolinians involved in divorces in 1980 exceeded 81,000, or 13.8 per 1,000 population. This rate has grown from 8.5 in 1970, a factor which necessitates continuing analysis of the entire issue of divorce and its effects on our society.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the United States is a complex and multifaceted story that spans centuries. It begins with the first inhabitants of the land, who lived in small, nomadic groups. Over time, these groups grew into larger, more organized societies. The arrival of European explorers in the 15th century marked the beginning of a new era in the history of the United States. The United States was founded in 1776, and since that time, it has grown into a powerful nation. The history of the United States is a story of progress, innovation, and the pursuit of the American dream.

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APPENDIX A

SOURCES OF DATA AND TECHNICAL NOTES

Certificates of registry of marriage and reports of final decree of divorce and annulment obtained from the Vital Records Office of the North Carolina Department of Human Resources account for most of the data presented in this report. Copies of these documents, along with the certificate of medical examination which must accompany marriage licenses, are shown in Figures A-1 through A-6.

Population information for North Carolina and its 100 counties was obtained from the Office of State Budget and Management. The county intercensal estimates have been adjusted for the error of closure in 1980. The error of closure is defined as the difference between the 1980 census count and the provisional April 1, 1980 population estimate. The procedure used to develop the preliminary intercensal county population estimates takes into account both the length of time from the previous census and the size of the postcensal population estimate in an effort to eliminate undercounts. The April 1, 1980 county estimates used to compute the error of closure are provisional and are subject to revision. Further, the postcensal estimates are based on methodologies which are subject to change. Thus, rates calculated with these population bases should be used with caution.

FIGURE A-1

License and Certificate of Marriage

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

APPLICATION, LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

LICENSE NUMBER		COUNTY	
GROOM NAME		FIRST	MIDDLE LAST
1			
RESIDENCE STATE		COUNTY	CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION
2a		2b	2c
STREET AND NUMBER		BIRTHPLACE (COUNTY & STATE)	DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)
2e		3	4a
FATHER NAME		STATE OF BIRTH	ADDRESS (If Living)
5a		5b	5c
MOTHER MAIDEN NAME		STATE OF BIRTH	ADDRESS (If Living)
6a		6b	6c
RACE GROOM	NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE FIRST, SECOND, ETC. (SPECIFY)	IF PREVIOUSLY MARRIED	EDUCATION-SPECIFY HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED
7	8	9a	10
LAST MARRIAGE ENDED BY Death, Divorce, Or Annulment (Specify)		DATE	ELEMENTARY HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE
		MONTH YEAR	(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 8) (1, 2, 3, or 4) (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5)
BRIDE NAME		FIRST	MIDDLE LAST
11a		11b	
RESIDENCE STATE		COUNTY	CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION
12a		12b	12c
STREET AND NUMBER		BIRTHPLACE (COUNTY & STATE)	DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)
12e		13	14e
FATHER NAME		STATE OF BIRTH	ADDRESS (If Living)
15a		15b	15c
MOTHER MAIDEN NAME		STATE OF BIRTH	ADDRESS (If Living)
16a		16b	16c
RACE BRIDE	NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE FIRST, SECOND, ETC. (SPECIFY)	IF PREVIOUSLY MARRIED	EDUCATION-SPECIFY HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED
17	18	19a	20
LAST MARRIAGE ENDED BY Death, Divorce, Or Annulment (Specify)		DATE	ELEMENTARY HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE
		MONTH YEAR	(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 8) (1, 2, 3, or 4) (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5)

WE HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION TO THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE AND SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT ALL OF THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THE ABOVE APPLICATION ARE TRUE. WE FURTHER MAKE OATH THAT THERE IS NO LEGAL IMPEDIMENT TO SUCH MARRIAGE.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

SIGNATURE OF GROOM

THIS 19

SIGNATURE OF BRIDE

REGISTER OF DEEDS

DEPUTY ASSISTANT

To any ordained minister of any religious denomination, minister authorized by his church, or Magistrate, you are hereby authorized, at any time within 60 days from the date hereof, to celebrate the proposed marriage at any place within the above named county. The minister or other person celebrating this marriage is required within 10 days to fill out and sign both copies of this Certificate of Marriage, and return them to the Register of Deeds who issued the license. Failure to do so subjects person celebrating the marriage to a forfeiture of \$200.00 to anyone who sues for the same.

DATE ISSUED		REGISTER OF DEEDS		(DEPUTY ASSISTANT)
I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NAMED PERSONS WERE MARRIED ON		MONTH	DAY	YEAR
21a		21b		
OFFICIANT-SIGNATURE		TITLE	ADDRESS	
21c		21d	21e	
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS		SIGNATURE OF WITNESS		
22a		23a		

DATE RETURNED TO REGISTER OF DEEDS

RECEIVED BY

FIGURE A-2

License and Certificate of Marriage
(Reverse Side)

PARENT'S CONSENT

I, the undersigned, hereby swear or affirm that I am the (parent) (guardian) of _____
and that (he) (she) resides with me. I further swear or affirm that (he) (she) is _____ years of age and that I am the proper person within
the meaning of GS 51-2 to give consent to the marriage of said person. I hereby consent to (his) (her) marriage to _____
_____ and request the Register of Deeds to issue a license for this purpose.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Subscribed and sworn to

before me this _____

Date

Register of Deeds

Assistant/Deputy

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Subscribed and sworn to

before me this _____

Date

Register of Deeds

Assistant/Deputy

NORTH CAROLINA _____ COUNTY

an unborn child

We, the undersigned, parents of a child born _____ 19____, agree to marry and hereby apply for a license in accordance
with GS 51-2

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

this, the _____ day of _____, 19 _____

Applicant

Deputy Register of Deeds

Applicant

Attach doctor's certificate of pregnancy or birth of child

FIGURE A-3

Certificate of Medical Examination

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES
CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICANT

Applicant's Full Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____
(Street or RFD) (City or Town) (State)

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I, a licensed physician of the State of _____, have today examined the above-named applicant and have found no evidence of: (a) any venereal disease; (b) any tuberculosis in the communicable stage; and (c) that applicant is mentally competent; or, if applicant has venereal disease or tuberculosis in the communicable stage, that he or she has complied with the provisions of G.S. 51-10 (printed on the back of this form).

Date: _____ (Signature of Physician) _____
(Address of Physician) _____

CERTIFICATE OF APPLICANT - NECESSARY ONLY WHEN COMPLYING WITH ANY PART OF G.S. 51-10 EXCEPT G.S. 51-10(a)(1)
(See reverse side for law)

THIS IS TO ATTEST that the above certifying physician has explained the provisions of G.S. 51-10, that I understand the legal requirements of this statute; and that I have complied and agree to comply in the future with these provisions.

Date: _____ (Signature of Applicant) _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT: Within 30 days after the date of the physical examination this completed form must be presented to the register of deeds of the county in which the marriage ceremony is to be performed. After 30 days this form is invalid and the physical must be repeated for issuance of marriage license.

FIGURE A-4

Certificate of Medical Examination
(Reverse Side)

SECTIONS 51-9 AND 51-10, CHAPTER 51 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA

S. 51-9. Health certificates required of applicants for licenses.--No license to marry shall be issued by the register of deeds of any county to a male or female applicant therefor except upon the following conditions: The said applicant shall present to the register of deeds a certificate executed within thirty days from the date of presentation showing that, by the usual methods of examination made by a regularly licensed physician, no evidence of any venereal disease was found.

Furthermore, such certificate shall state that, by the usual methods of examination made by a regularly licensed physician, no evidence of tuberculosis in the infectious or communicable stage was found.

And, furthermore, such certificate shall state that, by the usual methods of examination made by a regularly licensed physician, the applicant was found to be mentally competent.

S. 51-10. Exceptions to Section 51-9.--(a) Exceptions to Section 51-9, in case of persons who have been infected with a venereal disease, are permissible only under the following conditions:

- (1) When the applicant has completed treatment and is certified by a regularly licensed physician as having been cured or probated, and when said physician has certified that he has informed both the applicant and the proposed marital partner of any possible future infectivity of the applicant.
- (2) When the applicant is found to be in that stage of such disease that is not communicable to the marital partner as certified by a regularly licensed physician, provided that the applicant signs an agreement to take adequate treatment until cured or probated.
- (3) When the applicant is pregnant and it is necessary to protect the legitimacy of the offspring, provided that the applicant signs an agreement to take adequate treatment until cured or probated.
- (4) When the applicant and the proposed marital partner are both infected with the same disease and have signed an agreement to take treatment until cured or probated.

b) Exceptions to Section 51-9, in case of persons who have active tuberculosis, are permissible only under the following conditions:

- (1) When the female applicant is pregnant and it is necessary to protect the legitimacy of the offspring, provided that such applicant (and the proposed marital partner if he has active tuberculosis) shows evidence of being under treatment for tuberculosis and both persons are known to the local or county health department and sign agreements to take adequate treatment until cured or protected.
- (2) When there is a living child of the parties and it is necessary to protect the legitimacy of said child and either or both of the parties have active tuberculosis, provided that such party or parties with active tuberculosis show evidence of being under treatment for tuberculosis and both parties are known to the local or county health department and sign agreements to take adequate treatment until cured or protected.
- (3) To validate any type of marriage which took place prior to the illness of either applicant but which marriage was later found to be invalid because of some technicality and said technicality is not a bar to marriage in North Carolina, provided the marital partner or partners who have active tuberculosis show evidence of being under treatment and sign an agreement to take adequate treatment until cured or protected, and both marital partners are known to the local or county health department.

FIGURE A-5

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS		COUNTY		MONTHLY REPORT OF DIVORCES GRANTED				REPORT FOR MONTH OF		19
NAME OF PLAINTIFF	RESIDENCE COUNTY OR STATE	RACE	NAME OF DEFENDANT	RESIDENCE COUNTY OR STATE	TYPE OF DIVORCE JULY 1961		REASON FOR DIVORCE	DATE OF DECREE	APPROVED BY JUDGE	
					ABS.	ADJUL.				
1.										
2.										
3.										
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(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR CERTIFICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS)

FIGURE A-6

Monthly Report of Divorces Granted
(Reverse Side)

A. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS:

Chapter 983 of the 1957 Sessions Laws specifies:

Section 1. *On or before the fifteenth day of each month the Clerks of the Superior Courts of this State and the clerks of all other courts authorized by law to grant divorces or annulments of marriage shall transmit to the Office of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health in Raleigh, on forms prescribed and furnished by it, a record of each and every decree of divorce or annulment granted by the said courts during the preceding calendar month, giving the names of the parties and such other data as may be required by such forms. The sum of one dollar (\$1.00) shall be taxed as a part of the costs in the cause in which the decree of divorce or annulment is granted and the same shall be collected by the clerk of the court as costs. With each monthly report, the clerk shall also transmit to the Office of Vital Statistics one half of the cost above provided for, to be used to recompense the State partially for the expense of filing and keeping such records. Upon request, the Office of Vital Statistics shall furnish a true copy of any such record, which may be, but is not required to be, photographic, upon the payment to the office of a fee of one dollar (\$1.00), and such true copy shall be competent evidence in any court or other proceeding in this State with like force and effect as the original. The moneys received by the office pursuant to this Act shall be turned over to the State Treasurer and paid into the General Fund of the State. The Office of Vital Statistics is hereby authorized and empowered to do all things necessary to implement and carry out the provisions of this Act.*

Sec. 2. *All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.*

Sec. 3. *This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after January 1, 1958.*

B. INSTRUCTIONS:

1. On or before the fifteenth of each month, transmit to the Office of Vital Statistics the "Monthly Report of Divorces Granted", (Form VS-70), for the preceding month. For auditing purposes, please complete also the card, "Monthly Summary Report of Divorces Granted", (Form V.S.-71), and mail to this office.
2. With each monthly report, please transmit by check the 50¢ fee for each divorce or annulment reported.
3. Please complete the certification statement below.

C. CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

I, _____, Clerk of the _____
(Full title of Court)
of _____ County, certify that this report is a correct statement of
the divorces and annulments granted in said court for the month of _____, 19____.
This report consists of _____ page(s).

Given under my hand and official seal this _____ day of _____, 19____.

Clerk

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TABLE 1
MARRIAGES BY COUNTY WITH RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION:
NORTH CAROLINA, 1970-1980

AREA	YEAR										
	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
NORTH CAROLINA											
NUMBER	48291	48971	48766	46951	45015	42310	42475	43490	43852	45064	46718
RATE	9.5	9.4	9.2	8.7	8.2	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.6	7.8	7.9
ALAMANCE											
NUMBER	910	880	928	921	865	786	786	862	842	855	853
RATE	9.4	8.9	9.3	9.2	8.7	8.0	8.0	8.7	8.5	8.6	8.6
ALEXANDER											
NUMBER	142	131	167	182	163	168	138	182	183	161	190
RATE	7.3	6.5	7.9	8.2	7.2	7.3	6.0	7.7	7.6	6.5	7.6
ALLEGHANY											
NUMBER	1427	1516	1375	975	742	573	558	509	452	384	371
RATE	175.4	182.7	158.0	110.8	82.4	63.7	60.0	54.7	48.1	40.0	38.7
ANSON											
NUMBER	75	92	80	75	86	90	78	78	98	83	83
RATE	3.2	3.9	3.3	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.1	3.1	3.9	3.3	3.2
ASHE											
NUMBER	183	193	190	168	160	176	186	193	165	181	169
RATE	9.4	9.6	9.5	8.3	7.8	8.5	8.9	9.1	7.6	8.3	7.6
AVERY											
NUMBER	162	126	130	137	131	127	130	117	148	146	157
RATE	12.8	9.5	9.6	10.1	9.3	8.9	9.2	8.2	10.4	10.2	10.9
BEAUFORT											
NUMBER	390	403	444	394	411	396	407	384	370	419	407
RATE	10.8	11.1	12.2	10.7	11.0	10.4	10.4	9.7	9.3	10.4	10.1
BERTIE											
NUMBER	224	240	254	227	227	199	178	174	160	162	148
RATE	10.9	11.5	12.2	11.0	11.0	9.5	8.5	8.2	7.5	7.7	7.0
BLADEN											
NUMBER	112	124	125	110	114	117	96	111	131	119	110
RATE	4.2	4.6	4.6	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.3	3.7	4.4	4.0	3.6
BRUNSWICK											
NUMBER	106	129	140	159	154	125	131	145	166	199	197
RATE	4.4	5.0	4.9	5.1	4.6	3.7	3.8	4.2	4.8	5.7	5.5
BUNCOMBE											
NUMBER	1402	1433	1447	1404	1370	1256	1256	1382	1331	1398	1457
RATE	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.3	9.0	8.2	8.2	8.9	8.4	8.7	9.1
BURK											
NUMBER	408	423	438	428	406	404	408	413	448	376	446
RATE	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.4	6.0	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.4	5.3	6.2
CABARRUS											
NUMBER	455	492	560	564	545	509	557	561	575	552	596
RATE	6.1	6.4	7.2	7.2	6.9	6.4	7.0	6.9	7.0	6.6	6.9
CALDWELL											
NUMBER	455	431	505	522	523	512	483	482	499	495	521
RATE	8.0	7.4	8.5	8.6	8.4	8.1	7.6	7.5	7.6	7.5	7.7
CAMDEN											
NUMBER	324	103	140	80	47	27	30	35	41	27	40
RATE	59.4	18.7	25.0	13.8	8.2	4.7	5.4	6.2	7.2	4.7	6.9
CARTERET											
NUMBER	348	404	407	421	446	408	402	468	429	464	465
RATE	11.0	12.2	12.0	12.0	12.3	10.9	10.4	11.8	10.6	11.3	11.3
CASWELL											
NUMBER	190	209	210	178	166	135	129	131	124	140	137
RATE	10.0	10.8	11.1	8.9	8.2	6.6	6.3	6.4	6.1	6.9	6.6

TABLE 1 CONTINUED

AREA	YEAR										
	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
CATAWBA											
NUMBER	605	701	739	778	691	648	705	730	642	692	764
RATE	6.7	7.5	7.7	8.0	7.0	6.5	7.1	7.3	6.3	6.7	7.3
CHATHAM											
NUMBER	239	195	188	194	208	204	191	216	197	218	202
RATE	8.1	6.4	6.2	6.4	6.8	6.6	6.0	6.7	6.0	6.5	6.0
CHEROKEE											
NUMBER	657	534	424	261	271	236	222	194	207	231	243
RATE	40.2	32.0	25.1	15.4	15.8	13.3	12.1	10.5	11.2	12.4	12.8
CHOWAN											
NUMBER	138	108	113	94	83	77	93	82	69	81	103
RATE	12.8	9.9	10.3	8.5	7.5	6.8	7.9	6.8	5.5	6.4	8.2
CLAY											
NUMBER	53	67	49	40	52	37	31	42	55	56	54
RATE	10.2	12.6	9.2	7.3	9.5	6.4	5.3	7.1	8.9	8.6	8.2
CLEVELAND											
NUMBER	353	368	385	380	344	334	322	401	376	396	408
RATE	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.4	4.2	4.0	4.9	4.6	4.8	4.9
COLUMBUS											
NUMBER	212	226	240	251	231	229	195	208	192	199	211
RATE	4.5	4.7	4.9	5.1	4.7	4.6	3.8	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.1
CRAVEN											
NUMBER	589	649	691	717	736	672	657	745	693	712	773
RATE	9.4	10.1	10.5	10.5	10.9	9.7	9.2	10.4	9.7	10.0	10.9
CUMBERLAND											
NUMBER	1269	1255	1271	1331	1328	1325	1333	1466	1396	1476	1580
RATE	6.0	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.6	6.0	5.7	6.0	6.4
CURRITUCK											
NUMBER	42	60	60	49	48	48	50	53	55	60	77
RATE	6.0	8.3	7.5	5.6	5.0	4.8	4.9	5.2	5.1	5.3	6.9
DARE											
NUMBER	83	69	69	73	78	89	96	103	142	148	180
RATE	11.9	9.1	9.0	8.7	8.4	9.1	9.2	9.3	11.9	11.7	13.5
DAVIDSON											
NUMBER	797	800	810	809	833	709	755	693	754	793	795
RATE	8.3	8.1	8.0	7.9	8.1	6.8	7.2	6.5	6.9	7.1	7.0
DAVIE											
NUMBER	153	182	155	181	186	142	168	188	173	159	197
RATE	8.1	9.4	7.8	8.8	8.8	6.5	7.5	8.1	7.3	6.5	8.0
DUPLIN											
NUMBER	335	347	307	284	319	258	269	279	277	290	299
RATE	8.8	9.1	7.9	7.2	8.1	6.4	6.7	6.9	6.8	7.1	7.3
DURHAM											
NUMBER	1195	1222	1196	1344	1158	1106	1101	1118	1126	1223	1252
RATE	9.0	9.1	8.7	9.5	8.1	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.6	8.1	8.2
EDGECOMBE											
NUMBER	455	443	487	499	488	445	466	428	404	437	412
RATE	8.7	8.5	9.2	9.4	9.2	8.2	8.5	7.8	7.3	7.8	7.4
FORSYTH											
NUMBER	1810	1865	1921	1976	1925	1845	1891	1958	2033	2070	2236
RATE	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.5	8.0	8.2	8.4	8.5	8.6	9.2
FRANKLIN											
NUMBER	281	258	306	237	251	239	194	213	206	235	216
RATE	10.5	9.3	10.9	8.4	8.8	8.3	6.8	7.4	7.1	7.9	7.2
GASTON											
NUMBER	705	741	763	777	756	654	670	671	758	858	876
RATE	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.6	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.8	5.4	5.4

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AREA	YEAR										
	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
GATES NUMBER RATE	76 8.9	72 8.5	54 6.4	73 8.7	55 6.5	55 6.3	49 5.8	39 4.6	56 6.7	47 5.5	45 5.1
GRAHAM NUMBER RATE	90 13.7	100 15.4	104 16.5	72 11.2	76 11.7	79 11.8	74 11.0	74 10.7	72 10.4	63 8.9	82 11.4
GRANVILLE NUMBER RATE	253 7.7	319 9.6	258 7.7	247 7.4	276 8.2	262 7.8	222 6.6	229 6.8	207 6.1	207 6.1	249 7.3
GREENE NUMBER RATE	135 9.0	122 7.9	127 8.4	145 9.7	117 7.8	126 8.5	119 7.9	127 8.5	118 7.4	117 7.5	90 5.6
GUILFORD NUMBER RATE	2861 9.9	2965 10.1	2974 9.9	2789 9.3	2805 9.3	2673 8.9	2729 8.9	2754 8.9	2846 9.1	3012 9.6	3124 9.9
HALIFAX NUMBER RATE	944 17.4	944 17.4	810 14.8	600 10.9	489 8.9	462 8.4	441 8.0	440 7.9	411 7.4	436 7.9	425 7.7
HARNETT NUMBER RATE	255 5.1	324 6.4	305 5.8	304 5.7	292 5.3	299 5.4	309 5.5	256 4.4	257 4.4	308 5.2	323 5.4
HAYWOOD NUMBER RATE	462 11.1	415 9.8	426 9.8	431 9.9	381 8.7	415 9.3	390 8.7	431 9.6	395 8.6	433 9.4	421 9.1
HENDERSON NUMBER RATE	352 8.2	356 8.0	339 7.5	361 7.6	359 7.4	345 6.8	329 6.4	384 7.2	391 7.1	409 7.2	400 6.8
HERTFORD NUMBER RATE	196 8.0	199 8.6	201 8.7	207 8.8	150 6.6	146 6.3	143 6.2	158 6.8	169 7.3	157 6.7	176 7.5
HOKE NUMBER RATE	52 3.2	56 3.3	69 3.9	72 4.1	67 3.8	58 3.0	66 3.5	66 3.4	72 3.8	84 4.3	81 4.0
HYDE NUMBER RATE	33 5.9	40 7.0	47 8.4	48 8.6	45 8.2	53 9.3	45 7.6	56 9.3	38 6.4	47 7.8	61 10.4
IREDELL NUMBER RATE	495 6.9	561 7.6	591 7.8	567 7.4	560 7.2	560 7.1	548 7.0	578 7.3	590 7.3	569 7.0	621 7.5
JACKSON NUMBER RATE	323 15.0	334 14.9	239 10.3	228 9.5	207 8.5	207 8.5	197 8.0	168 6.7	152 6.2	164 6.5	196 7.6
JOHNSTON NUMBER RATE	577 9.3	577 9.2	594 9.3	590 9.2	540 8.3	521 7.8	547 8.1	513 7.5	484 7.0	502 7.2	565 8.0
JONES NUMBER RATE	65 6.6	81 8.2	92 9.2	73 7.4	89 9.3	77 7.9	67 6.8	64 6.6	67 6.8	94 9.8	81 8.3
LEE NUMBER RATE	216 7.1	220 7.1	215 6.7	252 7.7	228 6.9	220 6.5	246 7.3	209 6.0	221 6.2	266 7.4	268 7.3
LENOIR NUMBER RATE	537 9.7	499 8.8	515 8.9	526 9.1	523 8.9	509 8.7	529 8.9	502 8.5	493 8.3	504 8.5	470 7.9
LINCOLN NUMBER RATE	176 5.4	179 5.3	227 6.4	231 6.3	248 6.6	206 5.4	210 5.5	244 6.3	215 5.3	242 5.9	245 5.8

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AREA	YEAR										
	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
MCDOWELL NUMBER	207	222	247	271	247	218	262	250	239	274	247
RATE	6.8	7.2	7.8	8.4	7.6	6.6	7.8	7.5	7.1	8.0	7.0
MACON NUMBER	147	142	172	151	164	152	150	173	194	208	204
RATE	9.3	8.7	10.1	8.8	9.3	8.4	8.2	9.1	9.9	10.3	10.1
MADISON NUMBER	137	144	124	110	116	119	99	105	110	116	112
RATE	8.6	8.9	7.8	6.9	7.2	7.2	6.0	6.4	6.6	7.0	6.7
MARTIN NUMBER	262	243	277	256	226	238	234	233	221	191	217
RATE	10.6	9.9	11.2	10.3	9.0	9.4	9.2	9.0	8.5	7.4	8.4
MECKLENBURG NUMBER	1995	2077	2231	2159	2167	2052	2125	2202	2291	2390	2691
RATE	5.6	5.8	6.1	5.8	5.7	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.7
MITCHELL NUMBER	133	131	115	136	141	143	140	138	108	118	126
RATE	9.9	9.5	8.3	9.8	10.1	10.1	9.8	9.6	7.4	8.2	8.7
MONTGOMERY NUMBER	107	112	129	90	105	96	127	112	85	121	123
RATE	5.6	5.7	6.5	4.5	5.1	4.7	6.1	5.4	4.0	5.6	5.5
MOORE NUMBER	256	228	270	262	263	254	272	283	312	285	343
RATE	6.6	5.6	6.5	6.1	6.0	5.7	6.0	6.0	6.5	5.8	6.8
NASH NUMBER	686	677	719	698	648	616	539	550	563	634	602
RATE	11.6	11.2	11.8	11.2	10.3	9.6	8.3	8.3	8.4	9.5	9.0
NEW HANOVER NUMBER	640	601	733	765	733	696	738	732	820	772	874
RATE	7.7	6.9	8.0	8.1	7.6	7.1	7.4	7.2	8.1	7.6	8.4
NORTHAMPTON NUMBER	135	123	117	105	101	96	94	93	124	125	89
RATE	5.8	5.1	4.9	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.0	5.4	5.5	3.9
ONSLOW NUMBER	979	1019	1118	1096	1206	1200	1184	1216	1264	1182	1348
RATE	9.5	10.1	11.8	11.8	12.5	10.6	10.3	10.4	10.7	10.4	12.0
ORANGE NUMBER	480	472	506	519	492	476	523	490	521	529	573
RATE	8.3	7.7	7.7	7.7	6.9	6.9	7.4	6.7	7.0	7.0	7.4
PAMLICO NUMBER	70	69	68	65	76	72	67	83	79	82	81
RATE	7.4	7.3	7.2	6.8	8.1	7.6	6.9	8.4	7.8	8.1	7.8
PASQUOTANK NUMBER	3433	3815	3289	2917	2624	2233	2246	2235	2200	2012	1829
RATE	128.0	139.7	120.5	107.2	95.1	81.2	80.2	79.3	78.6	71.3	64.3
PENDER NUMBER	177	167	160	196	186	164	153	150	150	173	193
RATE	9.8	9.2	8.6	10.2	9.4	8.1	7.4	7.1	7.0	8.0	8.7
PERQUIMANS NUMBER	58	64	69	54	47	54	51	54	58	49	52
RATE	6.9	7.5	8.1	6.3	5.5	5.9	5.8	6.1	6.4	5.2	5.5
PERSON NUMBER	325	320	324	274	285	243	237	251	248	252	216
RATE	12.5	12.1	11.9	10.0	10.3	8.9	8.6	9.0	8.8	8.7	7.4
PITT NUMBER	705	712	737	747	730	702	660	700	711	662	750
RATE	9.5	9.4	9.7	9.6	9.3	8.6	7.9	8.2	8.2	7.5	8.3

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POLK	AREA	YEAR										
		1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
NUMBER		62	63	73	67	62	58	81	74	74	84	58
RATE		5.3	5.2	5.9	5.4	4.9	4.6	6.5	5.8	5.9	6.6	4.5
RANDOLPH												
NUMBER		552	612	581	575	576	539	566	558	605	605	660
RATE		7.2	7.7	7.2	7.0	6.8	6.4	6.6	6.4	6.8	6.7	7.2
RICHMOND												
NUMBER		170	190	204	203	197	183	186	199	228	208	221
RATE		4.3	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.4	4.4	4.6	5.1	4.6	4.9
ROBESON												
NUMBER		237	242	268	298	280	257	254	270	282	293	312
RATE		2.8	2.8	3.0	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.1
ROCKINGHAM												
NUMBER		1328	1354	1197	1101	1011	889	839	836	835	909	838
RATE		18.3	18.2	15.7	14.2	12.8	11.1	10.4	10.4	10.2	11.0	10.0
ROWAN												
NUMBER		640	699	708	729	726	708	719	745	742	744	726
RATE		7.1	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.5	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.3
RUTHERFORD												
NUMBER		192	248	284	262	263	224	232	249	269	235	288
RATE		4.1	5.1	5.7	5.2	5.2	4.4	4.5	4.8	5.1	4.4	5.4
SAMPSON												
NUMBER		275	295	278	295	294	281	281	207	246	266	241
RATE		6.1	6.3	5.9	6.3	6.2	5.9	5.9	4.3	5.1	5.4	4.9
SCOTLAND												
NUMBER		79	90	103	107	89	101	109	113	94	109	124
RATE		2.9	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.0	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.0	3.4	3.8
STANLY												
NUMBER		278	305	312	269	291	276	250	263	286	304	319
RATE		6.5	6.9	7.0	5.9	6.4	6.0	5.4	5.7	6.1	6.4	6.6
STOKES												
NUMBER		217	254	255	235	246	206	208	208	234	236	284
RATE		9.1	10.2	9.7	8.6	8.7	7.0	7.0	6.9	7.5	7.3	8.6
SURRY												
NUMBER		598	605	610	550	523	525	522	485	523	561	555
RATE		11.6	11.5	11.4	10.1	9.5	9.4	9.2	8.4	9.0	9.6	9.3
SWAIN												
NUMBER		703	479	301	263	211	217	216	204	241	207	232
RATE		79.6	52.1	32.0	28.6	22.4	21.9	21.2	19.8	23.4	20.1	22.6
TRANSYLVANIA												
NUMBER		114	111	148	130	135	117	151	149	141	154	128
RATE		5.8	5.5	7.4	6.3	6.4	5.4	6.9	6.6	6.2	6.6	5.5
TYRRELL												
NUMBER		25	31	38	32	28	36	15	23	34	19	22
RATE		6.6	7.9	9.7	8.6	7.4	9.2	3.8	5.9	8.5	4.7	5.5
UNION												
NUMBER		277	268	272	288	279	280	266	315	335	389	336
RATE		5.1	4.7	4.6	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.9	5.0	5.7	4.8
VANCE												
NUMBER		480	466	519	464	338	305	340	348	319	305	356
RATE		14.7	14.4	15.9	13.8	10.0	9.0	9.8	9.8	8.9	8.4	9.7
WAKE												
NUMBER		2087	1983	1992	1902	1842	1883	1848	2012	2050	2214	2353
RATE		9.1	8.3	8.1	7.5	7.0	7.0	6.8	7.2	7.1	7.5	7.8
WARREN												
NUMBER		420	403	341	347	228	175	178	162	160	154	133
RATE		27.4	24.4	20.2	20.6	14.1	10.7	11.1	9.9	9.7	9.4	8.2

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AREA	1970		1971		1972		1973		1974		YEAR 1975		1976		1977		1978		1979		1980	
	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE
WASHINGTON	139	9.9	119	8.4	114	8.3	132	9.5	112	8.0	108	7.2	102	6.8	113	7.5	106	7.2	100	6.7	97	6.6
WATAUGA	393	16.8	335	13.4	289	10.9	287	10.3	266	9.0	256	8.6	295	9.7	299	9.6	281	9.1	287	9.2	310	9.8
WAYNE	771	9.0	758	8.6	788	8.7	779	8.6	842	9.2	788	8.5	745	8.0	767	8.1	796	8.2	776	8.0	795	8.2
WILKES	442	8.9	504	9.8	518	9.7	462	8.6	462	8.4	428	7.7	440	7.8	501	8.8	477	8.2	474	8.1	488	8.3
WILSON	534	9.3	586	10.0	590	10.2	619	10.5	573	9.6	547	9.1	599	10.0	569	9.3	551	9.0	576	9.2	551	8.7
YADKIN	291	11.8	274	10.8	245	9.4	230	8.7	247	9.1	223	8.2	240	8.7	221	8.0	228	8.2	265	9.4	218	7.7
YANCEY	673	53.3	577	44.4	424	31.9	418	31.0	288	21.2	298	21.1	270	18.6	243	16.6	246	16.6	259	17.4	255	17.1

TABLE 2
MARRIAGES BY AGE OF BRIDE AND AGE OF GROOM
BY YEAR OF MARRIAGE:
NORTH CAROLINA, 1970-1980

AGE	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
TOTAL.....	48,291	48,971	48,766	46,951	45,015	42,310	42,475	43,490	43,852	45,064	46,718
BRIDE											
UNDER 16.....	420	422	486	422	476	534	509	414	269	280	203
16 - 19.....	21,492	21,927	21,161	18,847	17,204	14,652	14,027	13,346	12,498	11,988	11,932
20 - 24.....	16,790	16,556	16,101	15,577	15,031	14,280	14,505	15,136	15,770	16,242	16,811
25 - 29.....	3,580	3,842	4,307	4,918	5,075	5,434	5,835	6,389	6,754	7,425	8,133
30 - 34.....	1,585	1,658	1,844	2,183	2,236	2,358	2,547	2,961	3,208	3,527	3,911
35 - 39.....	1,150	1,251	1,284	1,347	1,321	1,428	1,474	1,634	1,746	1,806	2,017
40 - 44.....	967	968	1,012	1,090	981	1,022	1,035	1,109	1,069	1,165	1,217
45 - 49.....	798	781	826	870	866	847	834	771	818	790	770
50 - 54.....	560	577	619	623	667	646	585	648	630	574	581
55 - 59.....	383	431	489	443	478	447	444	427	423	430	411
60 - 64.....	295	307	305	293	327	337	325	308	290	348	355
65 AND OVER.....	269	250	332	338	353	323	353	345	377	489	377
GROOM											
UNDER 16.....	10	10	11	16	14	19	17	18	11	11	5
16 - 19.....	11,424	11,399	10,924	9,772	8,941	7,292	6,945	6,276	5,712	5,386	5,357
20 - 24.....	23,011	23,255	22,124	20,388	18,934	17,393	17,144	17,430	17,380	17,465	17,829
25 - 29.....	6,082	6,270	7,057	7,506	7,714	7,868	8,230	8,700	9,172	9,790	10,505
30 - 34.....	2,204	2,404	2,531	2,810	3,013	3,208	3,421	4,024	4,345	4,825	5,164
35 - 39.....	1,375	1,394	1,586	1,723	1,708	1,719	1,847	2,049	2,242	2,365	2,605
40 - 44.....	1,098	1,124	1,125	1,247	1,186	1,229	1,307	1,447	1,369	1,458	1,528
45 - 49.....	898	880	943	1,107	966	1,030	998	1,053	1,037	1,060	1,106
50 - 54.....	655	708	755	737	779	803	826	776	833	801	798
55 - 59.....	510	504	589	554	573	591	577	618	617	602	626
60 - 64.....	373	375	433	439	453	421	453	423	423	478	429
65 AND OVER.....	651	647	688	652	734	737	706	644	711	823	766

TABLE 3
MARRIAGES BY AGE OF BRIDE AND GROOM AND MARRIAGE ORDER:
NORTH CAROLINA, 1970

AGE	TOTAL	ONE	TWO	MARRIAGE ORDER	THREE	FOUR OR MORE
BRIDE.....	48,291	39,336	8,064	:	807	84
UNDER 16.....	420	420		:		
16 - 19.....	21,492	21,184	306	:	2	1
20 - 24.....	16,790	14,727	2,003	:	59	5
25 - 29.....	3,580	1,934	1,529	:	112	6
30 - 34.....	1,585	501	984	:	94	10
35 - 39.....	1,150	216	822	:	102	16
40 - 44.....	967	149	700	:	102	11
45 - 49.....	798	92	602	:	93	8
50 - 54.....	560	47	426	:	79	10
55 - 59.....	383	28	290	:	55	9
60 - 64.....	295	20	210	:	56	27
65 AND OVER.....	947	66	690	:	164	
NOT STATED.....	2		2	:		
GROOM.....	48,291	39,649	7,726	:	825	91
UNDER 16.....	10	10		:		
16 - 19.....	11,424	11,380	44	:		1
20 - 24.....	23,011	21,861	1,132	:	17	3
25 - 29.....	6,082	4,386	1,623	:	70	4
30 - 34.....	2,204	1,066	1,026	:	108	13
35 - 39.....	1,375	415	851	:	96	8
40 - 44.....	1,098	231	762	:	97	8
45 - 49.....	898	134	656	:	100	11
50 - 54.....	655	71	485	:	88	11
55 - 59.....	510	44	373	:	82	8
60 - 64.....	373	30	286	:	49	43
65 AND OVER.....	1,534	95	1,147	:	249	

TABLE 3
MARRIAGES BY AGE OF BRIDE AND GROOM AND MARRIAGE ORDER:
NORTH CAROLINA, 1980

AGE	TOTAL	ONE	TWO	MARRIAGE ORDER	THREE	FOUR OR MORE
BRIDE.....	46,718	31,836	12,492	:	2,112	278
UNDER 16.....	203	203	:	:	:	:
16 - 19.....	11,932	11,689	237	:	6	2
20 - 24.....	16,811	14,245	2,448	:	116	28
25 - 29.....	8,133	4,239	3,443	:	423	64
30 - 34.....	3,911	923	2,438	:	486	56
35 - 39.....	2,017	275	1,345	:	341	37
40 - 44.....	1,217	109	819	:	252	27
45 - 49.....	770	65	534	:	144	19
50 - 54.....	581	36	416	:	110	10
55 - 59.....	411	22	300	:	79	11
60 - 64.....	355	21	252	:	71	24
65 AND OVER.....	377	9	260	:	84	:
GROOM.....	46,718	31,591	12,735	:	2,093	298
UNDER 16.....	5	5	:	:	:	:
16 - 19.....	5,357	5,325	32	:	35	1
20 - 24.....	17,829	16,565	1,227	:	239	13
25 - 29.....	10,505	7,053	3,200	:	462	46
30 - 34.....	5,164	1,798	2,858	:	381	47
35 - 39.....	2,605	406	1,771	:	252	50
40 - 44.....	1,528	194	1,032	:	219	36
45 - 49.....	1,106	91	760	:	148	28
50 - 54.....	798	69	553	:	123	23
55 - 59.....	626	30	450	:	81	17
60 - 64.....	429	29	302	:	153	37
65 AND OVER.....	766	26	550	:	:	:

TABLE 4
MARRIAGES BY EDUCATION OF BRIDE AND GROOM
BY YEAR OF MARRIAGE:
NORTH CAROLINA, 1970-1980

EDUCATION	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
TOTAL.....	48,291	48,971	48,766	46,951	45,015	42,310	42,475	43,490	43,852	45,064	46,718
BRIDE											
NONE OR ELEMENTARY..	2,498	2,371	2,419	2,279	2,234	1,982	1,880	1,732	1,610	1,612	1,488
HIGH SCHOOL 1-3 YRS..	11,332	12,213	12,283	11,596	10,995	9,955	9,807	9,427	8,998	8,632	8,704
HIGH SCHOOL 4 YRS....	19,678	19,864	19,479	18,332	17,666	16,693	16,950	17,434	17,413	17,928	18,403
COLLEGE 1-3 YRS.....	9,118	9,092	8,953	8,722	8,313	7,993	8,181	8,783	9,161	9,716	10,436
COLLEGE 4 YRS.....	3,673	3,822	4,002	4,302	4,151	4,397	4,475	4,775	5,211	5,497	5,795
COLLEGE 5 PLUS YRS..	623	622	704	833	850	966	1,128	1,311	1,425	1,658	1,871
GROOM											
NONE OR ELEMENTARY..	3,946	3,678	3,683	3,417	3,253	2,980	2,828	2,673	2,497	2,476	2,319
HIGH SCHOOL 1-3 YRS..	9,515	9,795	9,882	9,391	9,129	8,144	8,424	8,246	8,180	7,985	8,051
HIGH SCHOOL 4 YRS....	18,699	19,586	19,158	18,241	17,521	16,591	16,575	17,150	17,033	17,654	18,492
COLLEGE 1-3 YRS.....	9,663	9,563	9,543	8,928	8,315	8,007	7,984	8,161	8,486	8,720	9,171
COLLEGE 4 YRS.....	3,877	4,158	4,182	4,559	4,452	4,572	4,691	5,067	5,303	5,640	5,803
COLLEGE 5 PLUS YRS..	1,294	1,268	1,436	1,588	1,631	1,760	1,920	2,168	2,322	2,564	2,856

TABLE 5
MARRIAGES BY EDUCATION OF BRIDE AND GROOM BY MARRIAGE ORDER,
SHOWING PERCENTS
BY YEAR OF MARRIAGE:
NORTH CAROLINA, 1970 AND 1980

YEAR EDUCATION LEVEL AND PERCENT	TOTAL MARRIAGES	FIRST MARRIAGE	BRIDE REMARriage	NOT STATED	TOTAL MARRIAGES	FIRST MARRIAGE	GROOM REMARriage	NOT STATED
1970								
TOTAL.....	48,291	39,336	8,953	2	48,291	39,649	8,642	
PERCENT.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
NONE OR ELEMENTARY:	2,498	1,207	1,291		3,946	2,157	1,789	
PERCENT.....	5.2	3.1	14.4		8.2	5.4	20.7	
HIGH SCHOOL 1-3								
YRS.....	11,332	8,835	2,497		9,515	7,667	1,648	
PERCENT.....	23.5	22.5	27.9		19.7	19.4	19.1	
HIGH SCHOOL 4 YRS.	19,678	16,315	3,362	1	18,699	15,764	2,935	
PERCENT.....	40.7	41.5	37.6	50.0	38.7	39.8	34.0	
COLLEGE 1-3 YRS.	9,118	8,114	1,004		9,663	8,572	1,091	
PERCENT.....	18.9	20.6	11.2		20.0	21.6	12.6	
COLLEGE 4 YRS.	3,673	3,344	328	1	3,877	3,346	531	
PERCENT.....	7.6	8.5	3.7	50.0	8.0	8.4	6.1	
COLLEGE 5 PLUS YRS.	623	529	94		1,294	990	304	
PERCENT.....	1.3	1.3	1.0		2.7	2.5	3.5	
1980								
TOTAL.....	46,718	31,836	14,881	1	46,718	31,591	15,124	3
PERCENT.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
NONE OR ELEMENTARY:	1,488	528	960		2,319	819	1,500	
PERCENT.....	3.2	1.7	6.5		5.0	2.6	9.9	
HIGH SCHOOL 1-3								
YRS.....	8,704	5,685	3,019		8,051	5,542	2,509	
PERCENT.....	18.6	17.9	20.3		17.2	17.5	16.6	
HIGH SCHOOL 4 YRS.	18,403	12,155	6,247	1	18,492	12,978	5,511	3
PERCENT.....	39.4	38.2	42.0	100.0	39.6	41.1	36.4	100.0
COLLEGE 1-3 YRS.	10,436	7,320	3,116		9,171	6,118	3,053	
PERCENT.....	22.3	23.0	20.9		19.6	19.4	20.2	
COLLEGE 4 YRS.	5,795	4,788	1,007		5,803	4,326	1,477	
PERCENT.....	12.4	15.0	6.8		12.4	13.7	9.8	
COLLEGE 5 PLUS YRS.	1,871	1,355	516		2,856	1,801	1,055	
PERCENT.....	4.0	4.3	3.5		6.1	5.7	7.0	

TABLE 6
MARRIAGES BY PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE AND GROOM:
NORTH CAROLINA, 1970

MARITAL STATUS OF GROOM	TOTAL	NEVER MARRIED	WIDOWED	MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE DIVORCED	NOT STATED
TOTAL.....	48,291	39,336	2,272	6,681	2
NEVER MARRIED.....	39,649	36,359	476	2,813	1
WIDOWED.....	1,791	296	1,005	489	1
DIVORCED.....	6,851	2,681	791	3,379	

NORTH CAROLINA, 1980

MARITAL STATUS OF GROOM	TOTAL	NEVER MARRIED	WIDOWED	MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE DIVORCED	NOT STATED
TOTAL.....	46,718	31,836	1,959	12,922	1
NEVER MARRIED.....	31,591	26,741	297	4,553	
WIDOWED.....	1,659	195	852	611	1
DIVORCED.....	13,465	4,898	810	7,757	
NOT STATED.....	3	2		1	

TABLE 7
MARRIAGES BY MONTH OF MARRIAGE
BY YEAR OF MARRIAGE:
NORTH CAROLINA, 1970-1980

MONTH	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
TOTAL.....	48,291	48,971	48,766	46,951	45,015	42,310	42,475	43,490	43,852	45,064	46,718
JANUARY.....	3,005	3,002	3,020	2,422	2,471	2,236	2,374	2,276	1,963	2,244	2,304
FEBRUARY.....	2,868	2,926	2,910	2,775	2,805	2,378	2,632	2,461	2,372	2,363	2,787
MARCH.....	3,531	3,038	3,447	3,253	3,176	3,038	2,620	2,492	3,064	2,900	2,910
APRIL.....	2,983	3,733	3,559	3,536	3,378	2,731	3,363	3,718	3,213	3,704	3,786
MAY.....	3,789	3,792	3,809	3,627	3,601	3,829	3,660	3,671	3,762	3,870	4,719
JUNE.....	6,685	6,338	6,539	6,879	6,726	5,896	5,335	5,285	5,579	6,226	6,397
JULY.....	4,253	4,992	4,909	4,362	3,871	3,750	4,423	4,925	4,721	4,009	3,960
AUGUST.....	5,520	5,333	5,086	5,165	5,275	5,157	4,475	4,320	4,564	4,908	5,397
SEPTEMBER.....	3,867	3,789	3,954	3,855	3,386	3,232	3,278	3,681	4,067	4,138	3,633
OCTOBER.....	3,575	3,598	3,143	3,140	3,062	3,003	3,304	3,345	3,160	3,223	3,543
NOVEMBER.....	3,671	3,620	3,629	3,578	3,466	3,342	3,285	3,323	3,320	3,493	3,705
DECEMBER.....	4,544	4,810	4,761	4,359	3,798	3,718	3,726	3,993	4,067	3,986	3,577

TABLE 8
MARRIAGES BY RESIDENT STATUS OF BRIDE AND GROOM
SHOWING PERCENTS
BY YEAR OF MARRIAGE:
NORTH CAROLINA, 1970-1980

RESIDENT STATUS OF BRIDE AND GROOM	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
TOTAL.....	48,291	48,971	48,766	46,951	45,015	42,310	42,475	43,490	43,852	45,064	46,718
PERCENT.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
BOTH RESIDENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA.....	32,613	34,379	36,659	36,923	36,243	34,449	34,898	35,954	36,584	38,021	39,532
PERCENT.....	67.5	70.2	75.2	78.6	80.5	81.4	82.2	82.7	83.4	84.4	84.6
BRIDE RESIDENT OF NORTH CAROLINA											
GROOM NONRESIDENT.	3,191	2,963	2,858	2,859	2,591	2,613	2,463	2,578	2,532	2,483	2,577
PERCENT.....	6.6	6.1	5.9	6.1	5.8	6.2	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.5	5.5
GROOM RESIDENT OF NORTH CAROLINA											
BRIDE NONRESIDENT.	1,108	1,153	1,117	902	844	755	690	712	675	683	760
PERCENT.....	2.3	2.4	2.3	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.6
BOTH NONRESIDENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA.....	11,379	10,476	8,132	6,267	5,337	4,493	4,424	4,246	4,061	3,877	3,849
PERCENT.....	23.6	21.4	16.7	13.3	11.9	10.6	10.4	9.8	9.3	8.6	8.2

TABLE 9
MARRIAGES BY RACE OF BRIDE AND GROOM
BY YEAR OF MARRIAGE:
NORTH CAROLINA, 1970-1980

RACE	YEAR											
	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	
TOTAL MARRIAGES.....	48,291	48,971	48,766	46,951	45,015	42,310	42,475	43,490	43,852	45,064	46,718	
GROOM WHITE.....	40,166	40,600	39,862	38,155	36,604	34,844	35,191	35,897	36,176	37,056	38,809	
BRIDE WHITE.....	40,045	40,448	39,675	37,964	36,415	34,675	34,977	35,667	35,966	36,786	38,543	
BRIDE BLACK.....	30	24	24	22	31	42	53	57	60	77	68	
BRIDE OTHER.....	91	128	163	169	158	127	161	173	150	193	198	
GROOM BLACK.....	7,912	8,149	8,649	8,520	8,139	7,215	7,022	7,305	7,380	7,722	7,582	
BRIDE WHITE.....	37	68	70	110	111	125	154	178	185	225	177	
BRIDE BLACK.....	7,864	8,070	8,560	8,394	8,006	7,070	6,846	7,107	7,171	7,466	7,362	
BRIDE OTHER.....	11	11	19	16	22	20	21	20	24	31	43	
GROOM OTHER.....	213	222	255	276	272	251	261	282	292	285	327	
BRIDE WHITE.....	69	85	99	95	134	101	108	130	114	102	146	
BRIDE BLACK.....	5	6	10	11	16	8	3	9	11	6	12	
BRIDE OTHER.....	139	131	146	170	122	142	150	143	167	177	169	

TABLE 10
DIVORCES BY COUNTY WITH RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION:
NORTH CAROLINA, 1970-1980

AREA	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
NORTH CAROLINA											
NUMBER	13702	15350	17277	18532	20049	22107	24327	25013	26558	27445	28050
RATE	2.7	3.0	3.3	3.4	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.8
ALAMANCE											
NUMBER	318	345	360	384	389	423	419	472	527	554	593
RATE	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.8	5.3	5.6	6.0
ALEXANDER											
NUMBER	8	63	73	53	70	72	58	62	74	71	67
RATE	0.4	3.1	3.4	2.4	3.1	3.1	2.5	2.6	3.1	2.9	2.7
ALLEGHANY											
NUMBER	11	27	29	20	34	35	32	56	44	35	52
RATE	1.4	3.3	3.3	2.3	3.8	3.9	3.4	6.0	4.7	3.6	5.4
ANSON											
NUMBER	49	32	58	47	81	71	91	59	81	87	77
RATE	2.1	1.3	2.4	1.9	3.3	2.9	3.7	2.4	3.2	3.4	3.0
ASHE											
NUMBER	20	22	35	36	28	51	55	80	53	61	57
RATE	1.0	1.1	1.7	1.8	1.4	2.5	2.6	3.8	2.5	2.8	2.6
AVERY											
NUMBER	27	28	19	24	20	32	29	37	31	59	44
RATE	2.1	2.1	1.4	1.8	1.4	2.3	2.0	2.6	2.2	4.1	3.1
BEAUFORT											
NUMBER	120	113	105	106	126	128	135	136	171	170	198
RATE	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.9	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.4	4.3	4.2	4.9
BERTIE											
NUMBER	47	37	38	46	49	45	45	59	55	54	63
RATE	2.3	1.8	1.8	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.8	2.6	2.6	3.0
BLADEN											
NUMBER	40	54	63	52	55	54	84	70	93	83	91
RATE	1.5	2.0	2.3	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.9	2.4	3.1	2.8	3.0
BRUNSWICK											
NUMBER	47	49	72	71	66	80	102	99	70	121	114
RATE	1.9	1.9	2.5	2.3	2.0	2.4	3.0	2.9	2.0	3.4	3.2
BUNCOMBE											
NUMBER	454	502	567	605	657	805	802	852	892	928	873
RATE	3.1	3.4	3.8	4.0	4.3	5.2	5.2	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.4
BURK											
NUMBER	195	238	296	281	311	320	320	355	388	402	405
RATE	3.2	3.8	4.6	4.2	4.6	4.7	4.6	5.1	5.5	5.6	5.6
CABARRUS											
NUMBER	246	261	244	299	256	326	354	362	377	310	337
RATE	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.8	3.2	4.1	4.4	4.5	4.6	3.7	3.9
CALDWELL											
NUMBER	162	175	188	183	220	254	251	262	292	292	315
RATE	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.5	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.6
CAMDEN											
NUMBER	6	5	11	4	2	5	11	9	6	8	10
RATE	1.1	0.9	2.0	0.7	0.4	0.9	2.0	1.6	1.1	1.4	1.7
CARTERET											
NUMBER	86	108	88	119	143	150	179	177	210	206	206
RATE	2.7	3.3	2.6	3.4	4.0	4.0	4.6	4.5	5.2	5.0	5.0
CASWELL											
NUMBER	16	22	40	31	33	53	43	54	35	49	40
RATE	0.8	1.1	2.0	1.5	1.6	2.6	2.1	2.6	1.7	2.4	1.9

TABLE 10 CONTINUED

AREA	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	YEAR 1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
CATAWBA											
NUMBER	337	386	404	442	412	499	516	568	585	523	554
RATE	3.7	4.1	4.2	4.5	4.2	5.0	5.2	5.7	5.7	5.1	5.3
CHATHAM											
NUMBER	47	69	91	57	92	111	100	131	127	107	101
RATE	1.6	2.3	3.0	1.9	3.0	3.6	3.2	4.1	3.9	3.2	3.0
CHEROKEE											
NUMBER	20	25	31	55	50	64	47	51	45	54	56
RATE	1.2	1.5	1.8	3.3	2.9	3.6	2.6	2.8	2.4	2.9	3.0
CHOWAN											
NUMBER	18	17	29	46	45	44	54	35	38	36	25
RATE	1.7	1.6	2.6	4.2	4.1	3.9	4.6	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.0
CLAY											
NUMBER	0	4	3	6	5	11	10	13	10	12	16
RATE	0.0	0.8	0.6	1.1	0.9	1.9	1.7	2.2	1.6	1.8	2.4
CLEVELAND											
NUMBER	147	152	217	276	275	290	294	373	358	353	347
RATE	2.0	2.0	2.8	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.2
COLUMBUS											
NUMBER	116	120	137	152	159	175	164	203	210	211	214
RATE	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.2	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2
CRAVEN											
NUMBER	170	192	187	202	260	309	314	319	310	309	350
RATE	2.7	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.8	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.9
CUMBERLAND											
NUMBER	674	697	727	806	927	1034	1080	1175	1175	1318	1300
RATE	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.6	4.0	4.4	4.5	4.8	4.8	5.4	5.3
CURRITUCK											
NUMBER	10	9	8	9	20	34	23	23	39	26	34
RATE	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.0	2.1	3.4	2.3	2.3	3.6	2.3	3.1
DARE											
NUMBER	15	27	10	25	25	40	38	38	62	44	51
RATE	2.1	3.6	1.3	3.0	2.7	4.1	3.7	3.4	5.2	3.5	3.8
DAVIDSON											
NUMBER	190	282	304	328	372	406	447	476	455	446	409
RATE	2.0	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.6	3.9	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.6
DAVIE											
NUMBER	37	56	63	66	64	64	79	60	72	79	90
RATE	2.0	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.0	2.9	3.5	2.6	3.0	3.3	3.7
DUPLIN											
NUMBER	104	95	95	96	132	84	133	113	138	132	129
RATE	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.4	3.4	2.1	3.3	2.8	3.4	3.3	3.2
DURHAM											
NUMBER	525	574	572	600	677	668	798	806	814	869	863
RATE	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.8	4.7	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.7	5.6
EDGECOMBE											
NUMBER	124	118	127	134	131	167	183	171	180	190	214
RATE	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.8
FORSYTH											
NUMBER	720	823	876	1023	1033	1070	1308	1275	1387	1353	1565
RATE	3.3	3.7	3.9	4.5	4.5	4.7	5.6	5.4	5.8	5.6	6.4
FRANKLIN											
NUMBER	84	58	105	76	85	87	106	110	120	110	111
RATE	3.1	2.1	3.7	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.7	3.8	4.1	3.7	3.7
GASTON											
NUMBER	591	624	674	733	720	787	865	804	842	816	876
RATE	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.7	4.6	5.0	5.5	5.1	5.3	5.1	5.4

TABLE 10 CONTINUED

AREA	YEAR										
	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
GATES											
NUMBER	6	5	17	9	10	17	13	18	15	8	16
RATE	0.7	0.6	2.0	1.1	1.2	2.0	1.5	2.1	1.8	0.9	1.8
GRAHAM											
NUMBER	11	6	10	4	13	12	19	30	13	23	38
RATE	1.7	0.9	1.6	0.6	2.0	1.8	2.8	4.3	1.9	3.2	5.3
GRANVILLE											
NUMBER	38	54	69	68	73	83	76	68	85	99	88
RATE	1.2	1.6	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.3	2.0	2.5	2.9	2.6
GREENE											
NUMBER	19	5	17	23	16	25	36	31	30	23	29
RATE	1.3	0.3	1.1	1.5	1.1	1.7	2.4	2.1	1.9	1.5	1.8
GUILFORD											
NUMBER	1064	1137	1307	1404	1475	1612	1718	1741	1765	1954	1980
RATE	3.7	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.6	5.6	5.6	6.2	6.2
HALIFAX											
NUMBER	89	118	143	159	148	147	174	189	188	186	187
RATE	1.6	2.2	2.6	2.9	2.7	2.7	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4
HARNETT											
NUMBER	135	142	162	172	221	206	216	243	250	241	277
RATE	2.7	2.8	3.1	3.2	4.0	3.7	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.6
HAYWOOD											
NUMBER	130	121	143	135	167	163	179	197	224	198	240
RATE	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.1	3.8	3.7	4.0	4.4	4.9	4.3	5.2
HENDERSON											
NUMBER	130	115	130	137	158	175	196	215	246	234	267
RATE	3.0	2.6	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.5	4.1	4.6
HERTFORD											
NUMBER	51	51	43	56	57	74	67	77	69	77	116
RATE	2.1	2.2	1.9	2.4	2.5	3.2	2.9	3.3	3.0	3.3	5.0
Hoke											
NUMBER	24	15	39	27	33	29	47	42	45	49	44
RATE	1.5	0.9	2.2	1.5	1.9	1.5	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.2
Hyde											
NUMBER	7	2	7	5	13	9	8	17	15	6	19
RATE	1.3	0.4	1.2	0.9	2.4	1.6	1.4	2.8	2.5	1.0	3.2
IREDELL											
NUMBER	147	193	202	215	229	267	262	314	337	334	303
RATE	2.0	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.4	3.4	4.0	4.2	4.1	3.7
JACKSON											
NUMBER	24	43	26	45	55	61	65	59	85	93	71
RATE	1.1	1.9	1.1	1.9	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.4	3.5	3.7	2.8
JOHNSTON											
NUMBER	138	167	173	173	208	240	249	237	236	364	372
RATE	2.2	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.2	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.4	5.2	5.3
JONES											
NUMBER	20	28	35	24	34	49	41	44	42	37	36
RATE	2.0	2.8	3.5	2.4	3.5	5.0	4.2	4.5	4.3	3.9	3.7
LEE											
NUMBER	104	108	154	132	148	149	189	171	182	182	208
RATE	3.4	3.5	4.8	4.0	4.5	4.4	5.6	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.7
LENOIR											
NUMBER	149	139	168	173	218	221	254	246	266	272	267
RATE	2.7	2.5	2.9	3.0	3.7	3.8	4.3	4.1	4.5	4.6	4.5
LINCOLN											
NUMBER	74	97	122	128	147	181	177	169	182	178	173
RATE	2.3	2.9	3.5	3.5	3.9	4.8	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.1

TABLE 10 CONTINUED

AREA	YEAR										
	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
MCDOWELL NUMBER	72	57	70	110	102	97	105	122	127	100	146
RATE	2.3	1.8	2.2	3.4	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.6	3.7	2.9	4.2
MACON NUMBER	20	25	23	36	31	34	63	53	64	88	52
RATE	1.3	1.5	1.4	2.1	1.8	1.9	3.4	2.8	3.3	4.4	2.6
MADISON NUMBER	23	11	17	15	28	23	26	23	51	34	43
RATE	1.4	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.4	1.6	1.4	3.1	2.1	2.6
MARTIN NUMBER	54	61	47	64	57	66	77	80	69	68	75
RATE	2.2	2.5	1.9	2.6	2.3	2.6	3.0	3.1	2.7	2.6	2.9
MECKLENBURG NUMBER	1049	1369	1503	1687	1725	1978	2313	2248	2522	2924	2983
RATE	3.0	3.8	4.1	4.5	4.6	5.2	6.1	5.9	6.5	7.4	7.4
MITCHELL NUMBER	14	19	21	22	39	13	43	38	41	35	38
RATE	1.0	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.8	0.9	3.0	2.6	2.8	2.4	2.6
MONTGOMERY NUMBER	38	42	48	52	58	45	61	68	49	71	63
RATE	2.0	2.1	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.2	2.9	3.3	2.3	3.3	2.8
MOORE NUMBER	104	104	106	119	134	131	139	179	186	200	216
RATE	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.8	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.3
NASH NUMBER	179	211	244	286	281	299	294	265	342	318	324
RATE	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.6	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.0	5.1	4.7	4.8
NEW HANOVER NUMBER	309	352	474	480	479	512	627	681	728	667	692
RATE	3.7	4.0	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.2	6.3	6.7	7.2	6.6	6.7
NORTHAMPTON NUMBER	29	26	32	27	45	31	59	60	68	64	69
RATE	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.2	2.0	1.4	2.6	2.6	3.0	2.8	3.1
ONslow NUMBER	204	182	247	289	324	373	366	399	452	475	520
RATE	2.0	1.8	2.6	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.8	4.2	4.6
ORANGE NUMBER	112	178	165	163	227	256	271	276	291	379	331
RATE	1.9	2.9	2.5	2.4	3.2	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	5.0	4.3
PAMLICO NUMBER	15	12	14	15	12	20	17	20	15	20	26
RATE	1.6	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.3	2.1	1.8	2.0	1.5	2.0	2.5
PASQUOTANK NUMBER	78	99	103	109	74	122	145	141	138	142	128
RATE	2.9	3.6	3.8	4.0	2.7	4.4	5.2	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.5
PENDER NUMBER	24	19	39	59	52	51	54	52	51	64	64
RATE	1.3	1.0	2.1	3.1	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.9	2.9
PERQUIMANS NUMBER	13	6	13	8	9	9	17	19	15	20	23
RATE	1.6	0.7	1.5	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.9	2.1	1.6	2.1	2.4
PERSON NUMBER	56	71	75	84	82	95	95	102	115	108	122
RATE	2.2	2.7	2.8	3.1	3.0	3.5	3.4	3.6	4.1	3.7	4.2
PITT NUMBER	175	182	210	209	250	284	335	331	375	433	375
RATE	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.7	3.2	3.5	4.0	3.9	4.3	4.9	4.2

TABLE 10 CONTINUED

POLK AREA	YEAR										
	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
POLK											
NUMBER	24	12	28	18	18	18	35	27	27	32	43
RATE	2.0	1.0	2.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	2.8	2.1	2.2	2.5	3.3
RANDOLPH											
NUMBER	191	188	187	221	221	249	301	322	303	298	334
RATE	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.7	2.6	2.9	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.3	3.6
RICHMOND											
NUMBER	143	119	139	148	154	169	175	150	190	257	213
RATE	3.6	2.9	3.4	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.1	3.5	4.3	5.7	4.7
ROBESON											
NUMBER	172	215	224	270	295	286	312	296	308	315	372
RATE	2.0	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.7
ROCKINGHAM											
NUMBER	195	252	261	303	406	347	368	425	427	424	441
RATE	2.7	3.4	3.4	3.9	5.1	4.3	4.6	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.3
ROWAN											
NUMBER	163	220	310	272	285	331	375	357	332	320	317
RATE	1.8	2.4	3.4	2.9	3.1	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.4	3.3	3.2
RUTHERFORD											
NUMBER	136	125	158	172	190	220	200	223	238	229	204
RATE	2.9	2.5	3.2	3.4	3.8	4.3	3.9	4.3	4.5	4.3	3.8
SAMPSON											
NUMBER	53	73	78	89	87	101	109	140	138	157	123
RATE	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.9	2.8	3.2	2.5
SCOTLAND											
NUMBER	66	91	81	93	113	94	101	100	120	110	116
RATE	2.5	3.3	2.9	3.2	3.8	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.8	3.4	3.6
STANLY											
NUMBER	82	96	140	125	131	145	164	166	166	149	163
RATE	1.9	2.2	3.1	2.8	2.9	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.1	3.4
STOKES											
NUMBER	76	62	73	77	60	67	97	95	98	106	107
RATE	3.2	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.1	2.3	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.2
SURRY											
NUMBER	123	128	160	183	176	231	197	215	226	237	237
RATE	2.4	2.4	3.0	3.4	3.2	4.1	3.5	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.0
SWAIN											
NUMBER	26	23	35	25	33	30	47	44	51	60	57
RATE	2.9	2.5	3.7	2.7	3.5	3.0	4.6	4.3	5.0	5.8	5.5
TRANSYLVANIA											
NUMBER	37	41	57	63	67	74	96	83	116	126	104
RATE	1.9	2.0	2.8	3.1	3.2	3.4	4.4	3.7	5.1	5.4	4.4
TYRRELL											
NUMBER	0	3	4	7	6	8	17	15	10	6	8
RATE	0.0	0.8	1.0	1.9	1.6	2.1	4.4	3.8	2.5	1.5	2.0
UNION											
NUMBER	96	87	150	147	156	186	195	152	201	178	189
RATE	1.8	1.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.1	2.3	3.0	2.6	2.7
VANCE											
NUMBER	92	104	115	102	113	132	121	151	160	172	175
RATE	2.8	3.2	3.5	3.0	3.3	3.9	3.5	4.3	4.4	4.7	4.8
WAKE											
NUMBER	673	776	891	969	1114	1371	1600	1566	1740	1697	1691
RATE	2.9	3.3	3.6	3.8	4.2	5.1	5.9	5.6	6.1	5.8	5.6
WARREN											
NUMBER	24	20	41	32	36	38	38	38	48	28	45
RATE	1.6	1.2	2.4	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.9	1.7	2.8

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AREA	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	YEAR 1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
WASHINGTON											
NUMBER	19	12	22	30	42	26	28	43	51	34	33
RATE	1.4	0.9	1.6	2.2	3.0	1.7	1.9	2.8	3.5	2.3	2.2
WATAUGA											
NUMBER	32	42	50	53	73	87	87	97	120	122	117
RATE	1.4	1.7	1.9	1.9	2.5	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.9	3.9	3.7
WAYNE											
NUMBER	264	286	322	309	380	394	430	446	437	455	430
RATE	3.1	3.3	3.6	3.4	4.1	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.4
WILKES											
NUMBER	102	135	121	134	156	178	179	232	257	265	249
RATE	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.5	2.8	3.2	3.2	4.1	4.4	4.5	4.2
WILSON											
NUMBER	151	162	167	172	167	193	243	251	290	255	262
RATE	2.6	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.8	3.2	4.0	4.1	4.7	4.1	4.2
YADKIN											
NUMBER	28	76	59	62	80	87	92	102	106	112	84
RATE	1.1	3.0	2.3	2.3	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.7	3.8	4.0	3.0
YANCEY											
NUMBER	25	21	40	40	34	38	58	67	58	55	68
RATE	2.0	1.6	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.7	4.0	4.6	3.9	3.7	4.6

TABLE 11
DIVORCES BY PARTY TO WHOM DECREE WAS GRANTED
SHOWING PERCENTS
BY YEAR OF DIVORCE:
NORTH CAROLINA, 1976-1980

PARTY TO WHOM GRANTED	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
TOTAL.....	24,327 100.0	25,013 100.0	26,558 100.0	27,445 100.0	28,050 100.0
HUSBAND.....	10,644 43.8	10,947 43.8	11,610 43.7	12,235 44.6	12,586 44.9
WIFE.....	13,683 56.2	14,065 56.2	14,948 56.3	15,210 55.4	15,464 55.1

TABLE 12
DIVORCES BY GROUNDS
BY YEAR OF DIVORCE:
NORTH CAROLINA, 1970-1980

GROUNDS	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
TOTAL.....	13,702	15,350	17,277	18,532	20,049	22,107	24,327	25,013	26,558	27,445	28,050
ONE-YEAR SEPARATION.....	13,565	15,193	17,132	18,366	19,900	21,931	24,132	24,806	26,342	27,261	27,849
ADULTERY.....	36	30	23	34	27	39	37	50	50	36	40
BIGAMY.....	2		8	9	28	18	14	16	18	15	19
INSANITY.....	1			2	1	1					1
IMPOTENCY.....	3	1	3	7	5	5	7	6	3	5	8
OTHER.....	95	126	111	114	88	113	137	135	145	128	133

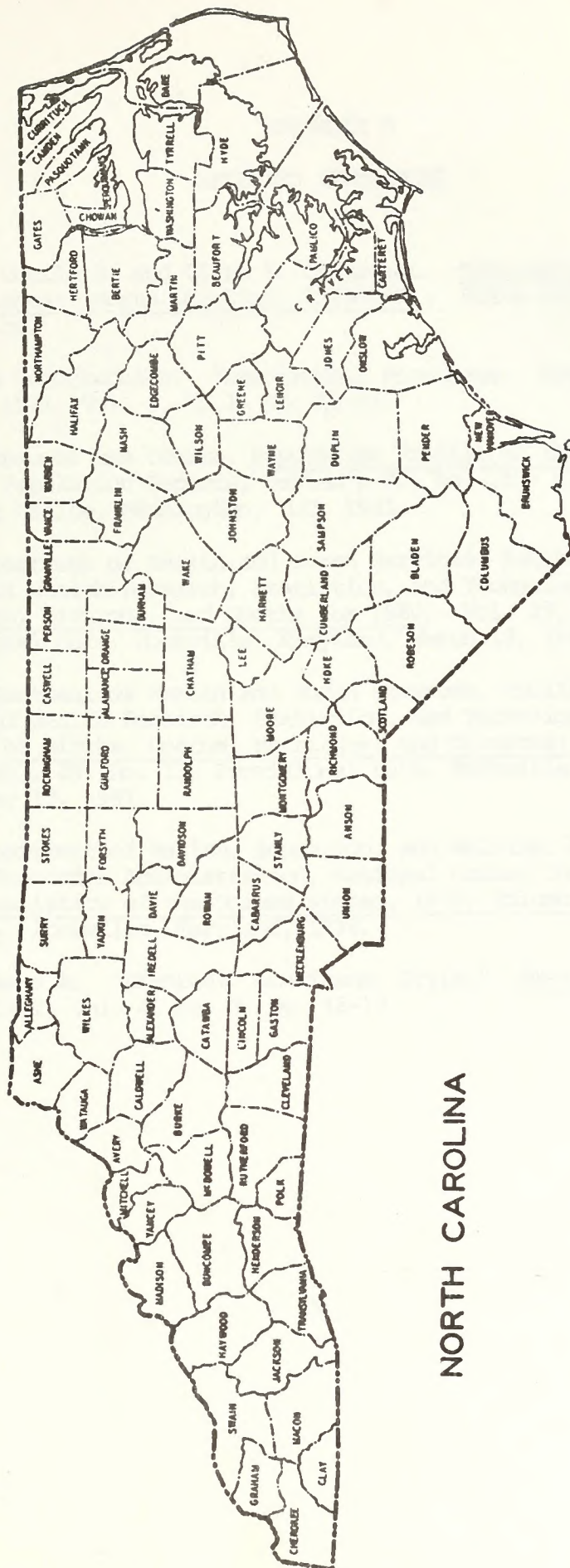
TABLE 13
DIVORCES BY RACE OF PLAINTIFF AND NUMBER OF MINOR CHILDREN
BY YEAR OF DIVORCE:
NORTH CAROLINA, 1970-1980

RACE OF PLAINTIFF AND NUMBER OF MINOR CHILDREN	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
TOTAL											
ONE.....	3,548	4,037	4,565	5,005	5,522	6,039	6,553	6,915	7,429	7,581	7,658
TWO.....	2,380	2,700	3,043	3,283	3,481	3,952	4,375	4,443	4,627	4,882	5,122
THREE.....	1,140	1,263	1,458	1,505	1,531	1,547	1,685	1,597	1,591	1,599	1,605
FOUR.....	569	652	627	653	605	641	625	572	546	480	424
FIVE OR MORE.....	395	444	509	446	424	360	361	292	232	185	167
UNKNOWN.....	353	201	304	197	164	184	149	182	182	86	63
WHITE											
ONE.....	2,700	3,118	3,569	4,188	4,532	5,031	5,321	5,522	5,930	5,991	6,181
TWO.....	1,794	2,083	2,347	2,741	2,872	3,230	3,494	3,472	3,692	3,846	4,057
THREE.....	844	921	1,063	1,194	1,219	1,238	1,287	1,227	1,188	1,182	1,189
FOUR.....	374	447	436	513	442	467	461	381	355	304	292
FIVE OR MORE.....	236	248	296	243	242	211	211	162	114	91	77
UNKNOWN.....	229	130	227	134	121	116	107	137	137	61	48
BLACK											
ONE.....	468	579	641	739	910	897	1,063	1,169	1,260	1,275	1,239
TWO.....	352	384	466	496	561	638	766	814	799	845	882
THREE.....	185	226	273	286	289	275	346	323	337	361	360
FOUR.....	128	146	134	131	155	152	143	166	168	151	113
FIVE OR MORE.....	118	158	167	189	173	139	145	122	104	80	78
UNKNOWN.....	101	54	59	54	42	55	34	40	41	17	12
OTHER											
ONE.....	19	14	19	39	46	37	40	42	53	67	60
TWO.....	14	16	18	18	25	21	25	35	28	46	43
THREE.....	5	8	8	12	9	10	18	15	21	15	19
FOUR.....	5	3	2	4	6	9	7	10	11	6	3
FIVE OR MORE.....	8	5	11	9	5	1	3	7	7	3	3
UNKNOWN.....			1	1	1						
NOT STATED											
ONE.....	361	326	336	39	34	74	129	182	186	248	178
TWO.....	220	217	212	28	23	63	90	122	108	145	140
THREE.....	106	108	114	13	14	24	34	32	45	41	37
FOUR.....	62	56	55	5	2	13	14	15	12	19	19
FIVE OR MORE.....	33	33	35	5	4	3	2	8	7	11	9
UNKNOWN.....	23	17	17	8		13	8	5	4	8	3

TABLE 14

MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES WITH RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION:
NORTH CAROLINA AND UNITED STATES, 1970-1980

Year	Marriages				Divorces			
	North Carolina		United States		North Carolina		United States	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
1970	48,291	9.5	2,158,802	10.6	13,702	2.7	708,000	3.5
1971	48,971	9.4	2,190,481	10.6	15,350	3.0	773,000	3.7
1972	48,760	9.2	2,282,154	11.0	17,277	3.3	845,000	4.1
1973	46,951	8.7	2,284,108	10.9	18,532	3.4	915,000	4.4
1974	45,015	8.2	2,229,667	10.5	20,049	3.7	977,000	4.6
1975	42,310	7.6	2,152,662	10.1	22,107	4.0	1,036,000	4.9
1976	42,475	7.6	2,154,807	10.0	24,327	4.3	1,083,000	5.0
1977	43,490	7.7	2,178,367	10.1	25,013	4.4	1,091,000	5.0
1978	43,852	7.6	2,282,272	10.5	26,558	4.6	1,130,000	5.2
1979	45,064	7.8	2,359,000	10.7	27,445	4.7	1,170,000	5.3
1980	46,718	7.9	2,413,000	10.9	28,050	4.8	1,182,000	5.3



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